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As of press time Wednesday

Wife waiting to hear from Andover pastor following Tuesday's earthquake in Haiti

By ALISON ALOISIO

About 1 p.m. Tuesday, Pastor Ken Wagstaff of the Calvary Bible Church in Andover landed at the airport in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

At 5 p.m. a devastating 7.0 magnitude earthquake hit the city.

Wagstaff's wife, Kathy, hasn't heard from her husband since (as of press time), but she remains upbeat that he had time to get out of the city before buildings began to fall.

"His cell phone just goes to voicemail," Kathy said

Wednesday morning, but that would be expected with service likely down.

Wagstaff had gone to the poor Caribbean country on what now seems like an ironic mission.

Kathy Wagstaff hopeful she will hear soon from husband Ken.

"He went to help put a roof on a building [a church]," said Kathy. "Now that building may not be standing."

Wagstaff, a cabinet maker, was asked to go on the trip by a friend, a pastor in Kansas, Kathy said.

"It wasn't a preaching mis-

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Tri-Town will dissolve

By MICHAEL DANIELS

It's official: Tri-Town Ambulance Service is dissolving.

Tri-Town currently serves Greenwood, West Paris, Sumner and Milton Township.

Until last year it also served Woodstock, but at their annual Town Meeting in March voters opted to drop Tri-Town in favor of PACE.

Woodstock's decision was prompted in part by growing concerns about Tri-Town's financial stability.

With the loss of Woodstock, Tri-Town's already declining

call volumes fell still further, and by late in the year the organization was clearly on the financial ropes.

By mid-December selectmen in both Greenwood and West Paris had begun discussion with two other ambulance services, Med-Care and PACE, about covering the two towns in the event Tri-Town proved unable to.

At a meeting last week with the Tri-Town Board of Trustees, the Greenwood selectmen

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Winning form on familiar trails



The annual Telstar Relays cross-country ski race Saturday drew about 500 racers from 28 schools. Here, Gould Academy senior Peter Cowan skis his leg of the first race. Cowan's team won. More race and sports photos, Page 10.

(Photo: A Aloisio)

Response time key concern at police hearing

By MICHAEL DANIELS

For most of the 30 or so people who showed up Monday for a public hearing on police coverage in Bethel it appears to boil down to a simple matter of response time.

At a special Town Meeting on Feb. 9 voters are tentatively (the selectmen have yet to

sign the warrant) expected to decide whether or not to replace the Police Department with contracted coverage from the Oxford County Sheriff's Department.

The OCSO has offered to provide coverage at a cost of \$295,000 a year (for each of the next three years), or rough-

ly \$18,000 a year less than the town is currently paying to maintain its own department.

And for that figure, Town Manager Jim Doar, told the audience: "The sheriff is going to provide three deputies, all graduates of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. Those deputies will provide police

protection to Bethel, 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

And, Doar said, "I think it's important to note that the deputies assigned to Bethel will be the deputies assigned to Bethel — we won't have somebody assigned to the dayshift

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Top Achievement Scouts

FOR WRITING the best essay on "Why I Would Make a Good First Selectman," Boy Scout Stephen Wight receives congratulations from Newington's First Selectman Edmund J. Keleher. Young Wight will serve as acting first selectman on Apr. 28. Other "town officers" are, left to right, Fred Jones, building inspector; Richard Doyle, police chief; David Brink, town engineer. —[Hartford Times Photo]

FIRST SELECTMAN FOR THE FIRST TIME—As an 11-year-old Boy Scout, Steve Wight won a contest for his essay entitled "Why I Would Make a Good First Selectman." Wight went on to prove it, serving 34 years in that capacity in Newry. He has attended an estimated 1,700 selectmen's meetings in that time.

Long-time Newry selectman says it's time to tackle a fresh agenda

By ALISON ALOISIO

In 1954, 11-year-old Steve Wight of Newry was a Boy Scout in Newington, Conn.

He and his fellow scouts were assigned to write an essay on the topic, "Why I Would Make a Good First Selectman."

Care to guess who won the contest?

His reward: for one day, he served as "acting" First Selectman in his hometown.

His role was somewhat circumscribed — "I followed the First Selectman around," but young Steve was apparently a good apprentice.

Wight went on to play the role for real in Newry, where he and his wife, Peggy, moved in 1971.

Only five years later Wight was elected to the board, and

'I'm going to do all the projects I've been throwing in the barn for the past 40 years.'

STEVE WIGHT

he went on to serve for more than a third of a century, much of it as its chairman.

But in March he will step down.

"It's a good time for the move," Wight said last week. "The town is running well. The people who have picked up the reins are very compe-

tent."

Wight is looking forward to broadening his horizon and playing new roles, but he's also taking the time to look back at how Newry has changed over his years in office.

Kitchen government

Steve and Peggy moved to Newry to take over the Sunday River Inn.

Coming to the small town was, he said, "an opportunity to do a lot of different things and be involved in the community in a lot of ways."

He joined the newly-formed Planning Board in 1975, and a year later, when selectman Arthur Gauthier decided to step down, Wight ran for that board and was elected.

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River's value is reflected in town of beholder

By ALISON ALOISIO

Just how you view the Androscoggin River seems to depend, at least in part, on the size and nature of your own community.

About 80 people gathered at the Bethel Inn Conference center last week to share their views of the river, and to envision its future.

The occasion was the annual Androscoggin River Water-

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Letters

BETHEL DEMOCRATS

To the Editor:

On Sunday, Jan. 31, at 4 p.m. at Telstar Regional High School Democrats in Bethel will caucus to select delegates to the Democratic State Convention, elect Municipal Officers, election clerks and County Committee members, and discuss policy issues affecting all Maine people. "Caucuses are a time to make your voice heard. Together, we will work from the grassroots to build a strong party framework."

2010 will be an important year for Democrats. We now understand that Republicans have chosen to be the party of "no" in an effort to cause the Barack Obama agenda to fail. "It is up to us to provide the support needed to achieve the goals we all voted for in November 2008. We are encouraging all Democrats to attend their caucus," said John Knutson, chairman of the Maine Democratic Party. The caucuses are the front lines of grassroots politics. Democratic candidates, elected officials and representatives from Democratic campaigns will attend. Attendees are asked to bring their viewpoints, ideas and questions for discussion. "If we are going to move Maine forward and put people first, we must reclaim our nation from the irresponsible policies of the right wing. We need Democrats in every town to gather and talk about where the Democratic Party is heading and what you want the Party to focus on over the next year."

"It is essential that Democrats in Bethel be part of this process," continued Knutson. "We must all be part of the answer." People not currently registered in a political party, who would like to enroll as a Democrat may do so immediately at the Town Office or between 3:30 and 4 p.m. at the caucus site. In case of snow, the alternate date will be Feb. 7 at the same time and place. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Mike or Eileen Broderick at 824-6004.

Mike Broderick
Bethel

GILEAD DEMOCRATS

To the Editor:

On Sunday, Jan. 31, at 2 p.m. at Gilead Town Office, Democrats in Gilead will caucus to select delegates to the Democratic State Convention, elect Municipal Officers and County Committee members, and discuss policy issues affecting all Maine people.

The Preamble to the 2008 Democratic Party Platform reads: "Since Jefferson and Jackson, the Democratic Party has led the struggle to increase democracy in our government. Democracy is the belief that the best repository of wisdom lies in the hands of an informed and educated electorate and that this electorate has the right to control the political agenda and debate those issues that are of importance to them."

The front lines of grassroots politics, caucuses provide voters opportunities to take active roles in government: to learn about and participate in the political process that determines many vital aspects of their lives, to learn other's view points, to express their own viewpoints, and to become informed.

"Caucuses are a time to make your voice heard. Together, we will work from the grassroots to build a strong party framework. We are encouraging all Democrats to attend their Caucus," said John Knutson, chairman of the Maine Democratic Party.

"We need Democrats in every town to gather and talk about where the Democratic Party is heading and what you want the Party to focus on over the next year. It is essential that Democrats in Gilead be part of this process," continued Knutson. "We must all be part of the answer."

This year's caucus agenda includes adoption of town's party bylaws, selection of a party town organizer, nomination of party election clerks, election of Gilead Democratic Committee officers, Oxford County Democrats, and delegates to the Maine Democratic Convention in May. This year's convention will adopt a new 2010 party platform.

People not currently registered in a political party, who would like to enroll as a Democrat may do so immediately at the Town Office or at the caucus.

In case of snow, the alternate date will be Feb. 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the same location. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the convenor: Cynthia Handlen at 207-671-1532 or 836-2155.

Cynthia Handlen
Gilead

HAVE ANY SKATES TO DONATE?

To the Editor:

It is safe to say that winter has finally come. We have experienced enough snowstorms and chilling days to know just what time of year it is. The skiing has been wonderful and the winter scenery is as beautiful as it ever was. This year we have an addition to our winter playground!

The Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce has opened up an ice-skating rink next to the Casablanca movie theater, with the help of many in the community. The chamber and the local Interact group from Telstar and Gould are working together to supply skates to be used at the new rink. We are collecting used and out-grown skates, which will be offered to the public for free. If you have any skates you would like to donate, you may drop them off at the chamber office or the little building on the ice-skating lot across from the movie theater.

We hope to see you out on the rink!

Matt Peredja
Bethel Interact Club

SNOWMOBILERS, USE EXTREME CAUTION

To the Editor:

Another season of snowmobiling has begun but it comes with many challenges for both the riders and the snowmobile clubs. We have had a variety of weather conditions which have not allowed water holes and bogs to freeze over sufficiently enough for us to bring our heavy grooming equipment in all areas of our trail system. We urge you to use extreme caution when riding the trails.

We have some of the most challenging terrain over which our trails run including large rock faces, boulders, steep hills, water holes, bogs and trees. We have not received enough snow to cover all the hazards that lay buried under the snow. We have been able to do only limited grooming and we are asking you to be very careful as you are out riding.

Re-routes of familiar trails had to occur this year because of logging. One of these areas is in the Albany Loop. Please pay attention to informational signs telling you of the altered trail routes so that you do not ride in the logging areas. These may also change during the riding season so please pay attention to the signs.

Please use extreme caution when crossing the ponds. Although we know that snowmobilers enjoy riding on the ponds, we do not recommend any pond crossing. The ice may not be thick enough in all areas for safe riding. Please check with the local authorities before riding on any pond.

We ask that you be patient with the clubs as we struggle with the limited amount of snow as we get the trails groomed for you to enjoy. Please have a safe and enjoyable season.

Remember — Always stay on the marked trails, or risk losing them.

Edie Okenquist

Secretary, Greenstock Snowsports Snowmobile Club

Wight

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Running the town in those days was a relatively informal process, Wight said.

"There was no Town Office. We met in [selectman] Roger Hanscom's kitchen," said Wight.

Municipal voting took place in Town Clerk/Treasurer Bertha Davis' kitchen, utilizing the same wooden voting booths that stand in today's Town Office.

Tax assessment then was an imprecise science.

"We set the taxes somehow," said Wight. "I don't know how we knew the valuation. We'd try to catch [real estate] sales. We'd add up the numbers, and if two of the [three] selectmen agreed, that was the number."

After a few years they obtained a calculator, saving them from doing all the figuring by hand and head.

In those early days, selectmen's positions were voted upon every year. Wight continued to be re-elected.

Other long-serving Newry selectmen of that era included Hanscom, Lee Swan and Bill Wight.

"People seemed to be fairly content with the way the board was functioning," said Wight. "And other people were not anxious to serve."

Those who did brought their varied perspectives.

Bill Wight served as a calming influence on the board. "He never got excited," Wight said.

And Hanscom, said Wight, "was our tie to history," recounting how times had changed.

For example, said Wight, Hanscom would recount how each spring, the town would dig out gravel that had washed down the Bear River during the winter, and use it to fix the road up the valley. Today, disturbing a body of water requires permission from the state.

While not many people lined up to serve as selectmen, many served the town in other capacities, whether volunteer or in a paid position, Wight said.

"We've had some great personalities on the staff," Wight said. "Bertha in her kitchen, [tax collector] Mary Tripp — you'd go to her dining room table to get your car registered, and listen to her stories," he said.

In the more modern era, he said, Administrative Assistant Sylvia Gray "served as a

great protector for the town."

She made sure, for instance, that people who wanted to register to vote made the full commitment to residency, by taking such steps as registering their cars in Newry, Wight said.

Growth

During Wight's early tenure the town began to wrestle with growth issues.

Through the 1970s and '80s, planning became an increasingly important issue.

Wight recalls one long-time resident's words at an annual Town Meeting.

"As long as I have a gun hanging on my wall, no one can tell me what to do with my land," he said.

But change was inevitable for the town of 300. In 1980, when five subdivisions came to the Planning Board, the town began working on its first Comprehensive Plan.

Les Otten also bought Sunday River Ski Resort that year. And Wight became First Selectman.

In the Town Reports of the decade that followed, Wight often found himself writing about residents' fears of change.

"While many traditional residents of the town may wish that the ski area had never been thought of and that changes in our town had never occurred, the fact is that things are changing. Those who love the town and want to maintain as much as possible the lifestyle and neighborhood atmosphere of the past must make themselves aware of the facts and work together to plan and direct future growth," he wrote in 1983.

He estimated that in 1984, 51 percent of building valuation and 40 percent of total real estate would be owned either by Sunday River Skiway Corp., or by people in town as a direct result of the skiway (such as chalets and condominiums).

Through the years, Wight has also been an advocate for sharing services among towns as they grew — regionalism, as he calls it.

He points to the Newry Fire Department's mutual aid arrangement with nearby towns as an early example.

Despite growing pains, said Wight, he believes Newry has for the most part handled its

evolution well.

"Absolute democracy [in the form of Town Meeting] seems so fragile," he said. "It seems possible to stack the deck in a vote. But that doesn't seem to happen in Newry. People listen to what other people have to say."

Wight said he's proud that a high percentage of residents participate in town government.

He's also particularly proud that Newry has become a model in Maine and New England for its efforts in river restoration (See related story).

In the past decade, for example, the town has helped fund erosion control projects on both the Bear and Sunday rivers.

Future issues

Looking toward the future, Wight said he is concerned about the next stages that development may take.

"We can't put a home on every acre," he said.

Some land, he said, should be set aside, perhaps for a community forest.

With that in mind, Wight said he may start advocating for a Newry Conservation Commission.

Another topic he's been considering is the idea of Newry annexing part of nearby Riley Township.

While the notion has been mentioned in jest in the past, Wight thinks the time may have come.

The township is overseen by the Land Use Regulation, of which Wight is a longtime member, and former chairman.

But because Sunday River Ski Resort owns developable land in Riley, Wight said he believes inequities could arise over property issues and taxes.

And, he said, the general management of the territory might best take place under the same municipal umbrella.

Whatever projects he chooses next, they will all be part of a general "reordering" of his life, he said.

He also plans to retire from LURC this spring, and he and Peggy recently turned over management of the inn to others.

"I'm going to do all the projects I've been throwing in the barn for the past 40 years," Wight said. "But I'll find a new way to stir the pot."

Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: The Bethel area, and the rest of the Northeast, was still awaiting its first real snowstorm of the season.

The Bethel Library Association received a \$3,000 construction/renovation grant through the New Century Program.

Mary Cummings Robbins, formerly of Bethel, had recently served with a medical mission team on the Amazon River in Peru, bringing modern dental care to the native people of that area.

Death: Myrtle H. Thurlow.

20 years ago: Despite the sputtering economy and bitterly cold temperatures, skier visits were still strong at Mt. Abram and Sunday River, thanks to early snowfalls and excellent snowmaking weather.

Jessica Coolidge, 11, won a \$50 savings bond in Northeast Bank's Christmas tree decorating contest.

Kevin McMahon opened Skidder's Deli at the head of Main Street.

Birth: Britany Noella Merrill.

Deaths: F. Louise Learned, Bernice Tripp, Willard P. Farwell, Jr., Chester L. Doll-off.

30 years ago: A vehicle operated by Elgin Tibbetts was demolished when it was struck by a westbound Canadian National train at the crossing leading to the Dooen trailer park. No injuries were reported.

Oil paintings by Sheila Gilbert Head were on display at the Bethel Library for the month of January.

The A. D. Davis & Son, Inc. Insurance Agency announced plans to open a branch office in Bethel.

Deaths: Mrs. Lois E. Ver-

kill, Donald Smith.

40 years ago: As a result of ice jams in the Androscoggin River, the Pleasant River had backed up and stranded three families in West Bethel.

Bertram L. Nobel of Minot drowned when his snowmobile went through the ice on North Bog Pond in North Norway.

Birth: Harlan Roy Blake.

Deaths: Mrs. E. Laurence Grover, Mrs. Laurence G. Grover, Mrs. Aimee H. Robertson, Ralph (Putt) King, Harlan N. Andrews.

50 years ago: It was announced that beginning Feb. 6, mail to the Bethel area would be conveyed by truck from Auburn, ending more than 100 years of service by the Grand Trunk railroad.

Twenty-five Crescent Park School eighth graders spent the physical education period having a free ski lesson at Sunday River Skiway.

Deaths: Allen H. Walker, James Wiles, Mrs. Martha C. Pike.

60 years ago: Kimball Ames was elected president of the Bethel Savings Bank, and D. Grover Brooks, treasurer.

Free ski instruction was given at the Bethel ski slope by James Thorpe, a member of the Maine Amateur Ski Instructors Association.

Deaths: Mrs. Florence Douglass, Mrs. Addie B. Wakefield, Dr. Howard E. Tyler, Mrs. Ione H. Holt.

70 years ago: Dr. Frank E. Hanscom was elected president of the Bethel National Bank.

Herman Bennett and Clarence Bennett were slightly injured when their car left the icy Gilead-Hastings road and plunged 40 feet to Wild River.

Deaths: Pressey E. Gerry, Albert H. Silver, Mrs. Marsella M. Swan, Stanley E. Heikinen.

80 years ago: W.E. Rand was making extensive repairs on his store at Locke Mills.

Deaths: Mrs. Wesley Cole, Mrs. Etta B. Frost, Miss Lola Smith, Charles Clark.

90 years ago: Raymond Hagar of Island Falls was clerk in Bosserman's drug store.

100 years ago: Good sleighing was being enjoyed in Bethel.

Communism was observed at the Universalist Church.

A card party was held at the West Bethel Grange hall.

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River

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shed Council annual conference.

Views often varied with the population of the communities along different sections of the Androscoggin.

In one presentation, John Cosgriff of the Conservation Committee of Shelburne, N.H. represented the interest in his small town in keeping the river as pristine as possible.

"The key word I want to say to you is simplicity. We love the river. We are a small town. The river is a beautiful resource. It's very close to our hearts."

The conservation committee identifies concerns, what we want to preserve, what we don't want to see get lost, damaged or developed to point where it's unrecognizable.

The shoreline, he said, "is undeveloped. There's farmland, forest and meadows. We just have the power dam. We want to keep it that way. We don't need to advertise the river. It's there, it speaks for itself."

"It's not the Saco River. We don't need anything to say 'come and use me.'"

River access, he said, is informal. "We don't want a 10-foot-wide

cement road being built down to the edge of the river."

He said townspeople want activities such as bird watching, fishing, hunting, hiking, and non-motorized boating, but no large groups of people.

"It has to be compatible with what the river can support," he said.

In contrast, other presenters, such as Kathy Eickenberg of the Maine Department of Conservation, Jonathan LaBonte, executive director of the Androscoggin Land Trust, and Lincoln Jeffers of the city of Lewiston, talked about such topics as planning for the Riverlands State Park near Auburn, and possibilities for greater use of the river during Auburn's Great Falls Balloon Festival.

Some attendees suggested that the degree of usage should vary according to the needs of specific communities, ranging from the more "primitive" setting in Shelburne to the urban interests of Lewiston-Auburn.

"We don't have to have one river," said Hawk Metheny of the Appalachian Mountain Club. "There can be something for everyone."

The Bethel area is an exam-

ple of how a single community's view of the river can evolve over time.

Twenty years ago, interest in the Androscoggin River centered mainly on conservation and the informal recreational use of the waterway.

In 1987, the early Friends of the Androscoggin group "was trying to teach people that the [formerly very polluted] river was a recreational resource. I was encouraging local people to get out and see they wouldn't die if they went on the river," said Steve Wight of Newry, a member.

There was an early recognition that there was some economic value in renting canoes to people to use on the Androscoggin, he said.

Then, said Wight, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife officials pointed out that Bethel had hotels, restaurants and a river full of fish, and "we weren't telling anyone," Wight said.

"We began to realize that recreation was also an economic engine for the community," he said.

The growing concentration on economics was evident at last week's conference, he said.

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WEST PARIS LIBRARY THANKS

To the Editor:

The Friends of the West Paris Library thank all who contributed to the Winter 2009 "Let Your Light Shine" fundraiser. On Dec. 15 the sparkling white lights outlining the library were lit and a big red heart in the window glowed. The night was cold, but hearts were warm with gratitude toward the many people and businesses that have made it possible to build a new library addition this year.

Lights were given in honor or in memory of family and friends, so that the new library addition will always give tribute to these special people, and also to the community spirit of the donors. These lights will remain to cheer the winter nights until Valentine's Day.

The addition is well on its way to completion. This would not be the case without the support of the West Paris community, school children, local contractors and businesses, as well as individuals and businesses from surrounding towns. This support comes in many ways: financial, giving of time and talent, encouragement, and faithful patron-ship.

The library plans to reopen on Saturday, Feb. 6, at 2 p.m. with a Grand Opening Celebration; the snow date is Feb. 7. The trustees and Friends of the Library invite you to come and celebrate with us.

Thank you all for your ongoing support.

Les and Priscilla Pulsifer
For Friends of the West Paris Library

Briefly

WinterFest 2010, Jan. 23-31

BETHEL—WinterFest 2010 will be held from January 23-31. WinterFest celebrates the many snow and ice activities and recreation found in the western Maine community. Events and activities include guided snowshoe tours at the Bethel Nordic Ski Center at the Bethel Inn Resort, a snowmobile up-hill climb at Mt. Abram, Old-Timers Nordic Ski Race at Carter's XC Ski Center, a rail jam competition on Bethel's Lower Main Street, hot air balloon ascents, snow sculptures, ice carvings, snow groomer rides, and horse-drawn sleigh rides, as well as a full-moon Nordic relay, full-moon snowshoe hike, and biathlon clinic at the Bethel Nordic Ski Center. Here skiers can learn this Olympic sport which combines cross-country skiing with target shooting. The Bethel Historical Society's exhibit, "Celebrating the Skiing Heritage of the Bethel Area" will be open with free admission. The exhibit has photos, artifacts, and ski equipment from the early years of Mt. Abram Ski Area and Sunday River Ski Resort. An 80' by 195' outdoor ice skating rink, a 90 square foot snow maze, and a snow sculpture playground will be open free of charge on the festival lot where the SnowPersons have long since melted - 37 Cross Street, Bethel. Bethel area inns, B&B's, motels, and vacation rental properties are offering special packages for WinterFest, ranging from 3 night stays for the price of 2 to a complete lodging and skiing package for the over-50 crowd at Sunday River Resort. This event is being organized by the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, with support from presenting sponsor, Norway Savings Bank. A schedule of WinterFest 2010 events and packages is available online at www.bethelwinterfest.com. The Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce provides lodging reservations and information at 800-442-5826 and at its website www.bethelmaine.com.

Matching NextGen donations gone

PORTLAND—The Finance Authority of Maine has suspended for a year making matching donations to NextGen college savings accounts. The Portland Press Herald reports the Finance Authority of Maine says the program has been so successful it must suspend for now the 50 percent contribution match of up to \$200 a year for each account. Finance Authority officials say they need time to determine if the program is sustainable. The NextGen College Investing Plan allows Maine families to open special savings accounts to save for college educations. The authority will continue to give one-time \$200 grant to enrolling Maine families that earn \$75,000 or less annually.

Otten takes no-tax pledge

AUGUSTA—Five months before Maine's primaries, Republican gubernatorial hopeful Les Otten is taking the no-tax pledge. Otten followed up his statement with a challenge to the other candidates. As of Tuesday, he faces six other candidates in the GOP primary. Seven Democrats are running. There are also several independents and a Green Party candidate. Otten says that during challenging economic times, the Legislature should not raise taxes and the next governor shouldn't either.

Wardens warn of thin ice

BANGOR—The Maine Warden Service is warning people about the dangers of thin ice on the state's lakes and ponds. Warden Service spokeswoman Deborah Turcotte says officials have responded to ice emergencies throughout Maine. She says people are continuing to break through, especially on deep water lakes that are covered with insulating snow. While there have been no serious injuries that are known to officials, an 18-year-old snowmobiler has been missing since Jan. 1 and may have fallen through the ice of China Lake. Turcotte tells the Bangor Daily News ice conditions are not ideal for a number of winter activities. She says people need to use caution.

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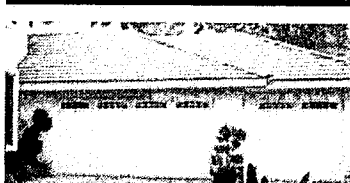
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Police

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WHERE WERE THEY WHEN WE NEEDED THEM?—Jackie Schuesler lets Oxford County Sheriff Wayne Gallant know she was not happy with the (non)response she received from the OCSD on the one occasion she called on them, for help dealing with a suicidal woman. Schuesler later told the selectmen the town would have less difficulty retaining police officers if it treated them with more respect. "You want to know why they're leaving?" she asked. "Right now, they're in a little room, probably a quarter the size of this. They have no confidentiality. They have no place to interrogate — they have one room. I think if we offered them a little bit more, respected them more, stopped focusing on the negative of this Police Department and looked at all the good that they've done ... and give them a little more than a broom closet, I think they might stay."

(Photo: M. Daniels)

on Monday, a different person on Tuesday, a third person Wednesday. ... Whoever is assigned to Bethel will be in effect Bethel's police department."

Doar's comments came as part of a ten-minute slide presentation laying out the basics of the county proposal.

But following the presentation, most of the discussion focused on the impact the new arrangement would have on response time.

"I've talked to about 25 friends in town," said Mason Township resident Bill Ullman, "and I'm finding that aside from emotional factors (that people want our own Police Department) the most persuasive argument against making this switch has to do with response time — particularly from local business people, and particularly local business people who have Friday and Saturday night busi-

ness," Ullman said.

"They all told me, mostly, that they don't care how well trained the officer is, or whether he or she went to the academy or not, or has a lot of experience or not — what they want to see that blue light, as fast as possible, because just the presence, the arrival of that blue light tends to calm things down, and that's critical to them."

Bethel resident Jackie Schuesler praised the BPD for its quick and effective response in her own times of need, and she noted that the one time she had called on the OCSD (when dealing with a suicidal woman in Mason Township), no one showed up.

Better back up

But Selectman Bob Everett said the county arrangement would actually improve response time, by providing back up (from other OCSD deputies) when the primary

officer on duty in Bethel has to leave the town.

"If Sergeant White has a call on Friday or Saturday night, and has to take somebody to South Paris, we lose our coverage for that time," Everett said.

And Oxford County Sheriff Wayne Gallant, who attended the hearing, said that if a deputy assigned to Bethel had to leave town, another deputy would be assigned to be here until the first returned.

Both Doar and Gallant conceded that with three, rather than four, officers assigned to Bethel, there will be gaps — usually in the early morning — in scheduled coverage by those three individuals.

But, said Gallant, during those gap times another OCSD deputy (usually one beginning his or her daily shift) would be specifically assigned to cover Bethel and to be physically present here until the day-

shift deputy comes on duty.

He added: "If we contract with the town of Bethel, all my deputies work for Bethel."

"We will have three that are assigned, but at any given time there's an emergency, I've got 22 cruisers out there."

And, the sheriff said, "There's a lot of hidden things that come with the contract."

These include full access to the sheriff, chief deputy and administrative assistant, he said, as well as to three full-time detectives, criminal investigators specially trained in different categories.

The selectmen will take up the police-coverage matter again at their next meeting, Jan. 25, at which time they will decide whether or not to put the matter to voters at the Feb. 9 special Town Meeting.

That meeting, called to address funding for repairs to the fire station roof, will go on in any case.

Waiting

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sion, it was a hands-on mission. He's going to be hands-on now," she said.

"He probably isn't thinking of calling," she said. "He's probably jumped right in to help, which is what I would expect him to do."

Wagstaff had flown to New York and met up with several other volunteers also headed to Haiti to help with the building project.

Kathy said she followed the plane's flight over the Internet and saw that it had landed safely shortly before 1 p.m.

The site of the planned project is about 14 miles outside Port au Prince, but Kathy isn't certain in which direction, and doesn't know the

name of the town.

The quake was centered about 10 miles from the city, according to reports.

Kathy received a phone call last night from the son of the Kansas pastor, but he also had little information on the project location.

The Wagstaffs came to Andover and the Calvary Bible Church three and one-half years ago from Illinois, Kathy said.

She is a native of New Jersey and he of New York.

"We love it here. People are super nice," she said.

She said people have been calling to ask about Ken, and she's frustrated that she has no information.

Tri-Town

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were informed that the 29-year-old organization was dissolving, Town Manager Kim Sparks said.

"Tri-Town Board invited the Greenwood Board of Selectmen and myself to an informational meeting. At that meeting Tri-Town announced that due to the call volumes being down and the economy that Tri-Town would have to dissolve."

The Tri-Town Board also said they had arranged for MedCare to come in for 90 days to work with them, to help with coverage, and to gather data to report back to the affected towns regarding their options for future coverage.

On Tuesday, Greenwood received a letter explaining further the decision to dissolve.

The letter cited changes over the years in the delivery of emergency medical services, and said: "it is clear

that our current system of delivery no longer meets the needs and expectation of the citizens of your community."

"As you are well aware," the letter went on, "over the past few years we have had several issues that have arisen that have had a negative impact on our organization and in each case we have for the most part overcome those obstacles and continued to provide your citizens the best possible patient care for the least financial impact that we could. Taking into account the current economy, the decrease in call volume which equates to less revenue, the increase in unfunded compliance mandates, the increase in required training for staff licensure maintenance, and a host of other impacts on our budget and operations we have just come to a point that we can no longer sustain our delivery of service."

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The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

I hate snow. It's cold and wet and it make a mess. It impedes travel and ruins plans. When I was a kid I might have liked it, but I don't think so. As an adult, I can't think of anything good to say about it. I don't ski, I don't snowmobile and I don't make snow angels. I just don't like snow.

I know I'm not alone in this sentiment. The minute the weatherman mentions the possibility of 4 to 8 inches everyone starts to grumble. Somewhere along the line as the grumbling grows things get a bit distorted and 4 to 8 becomes "I heard 6 to 10 inches." And pretty soon someone offers a "12 to 18 inch forecast."

I don't grumble about snow; I brood. I can be a pretty serious brooder during a major Nor'Easter. Even if I don't have plans to go anywhere I'll brood because the roads are bad and I feel as though one of my rights has been taken away from me. I guess I take snowstorms as a personal insult. That makes for a pretty long winter.

Having lived in Maine most of my life you'd think I would just accept it and be prepared for it, but no not me it would interfere with my brooding.

I am getting better though. This year I have actually started wearing long johns under my clothing and by golly, there is something to be said for it. I'm a lot warmer than I have ever been during the winter.

However, I still found myself during the first major snowfall of the season without boots, hat or gloves. You'd think I'd learn. It's not like winter doesn't roll around every year and I go through this time and again.

The other day, I decided that I should just quit my brooding

and go out and buy a pair of boots, a hat and some gloves and act a little more like a normal Mainer. Much to my dismay I found out equipping myself for winter wasn't all that easy.

Take the gloves for example, that's about as basic as you can get in winter wear and shouldn't be a problem, but guess again you snow lovers; it ain't that easy. If I'm going to buy gloves, I'm going to buy warm ones and that narrows the selection down considerably. There's a nice assortment of unlined or barely lined leather, suede and plastic gloves. Nice looking, but not very warm and practical.

I'm not really crazy about pom-poms or bunny ears either.

Then there's the problem with my fingers. They work just fine and do whatever I expect them to do most of the time, but they're short and fat. Most of the gloves I tried on had a lot of empty space at the fingertips. That just won't do. I found some that fit, but I find it a bit silly at my age to wear anything with Rescue Heroes or Teletubbies on them.

The hat situation was not much better. Call me vain, but I draw the line at wearing something that looks like a knit chamber pot on my head. I'm not really crazy about pom-poms or bunny ears either. The hats that looked good didn't cover my ears and those that did made me look like a doofus.

As it turned out, the gloves and hat were a cakewalk compared to the boots. Boot manufacturers discriminate against women. I'm sure that surprises you, it surprised me too, but it's true. The women's boots were designed for either the very old or the very

young. There was one acceptable style boot for women between the ages of 25 and 65. Of these there was two pairs, a size 4 for the very small footed and a size 11 for the somewhat larger footed. I am a size 7, which is very average.

I moseyed on over to the men's section and what do you suppose I found? Rack upon rack of boots in all kinds of styles, colors and sizes. No shortage there no matter the age style, size or need. That's just not fair!

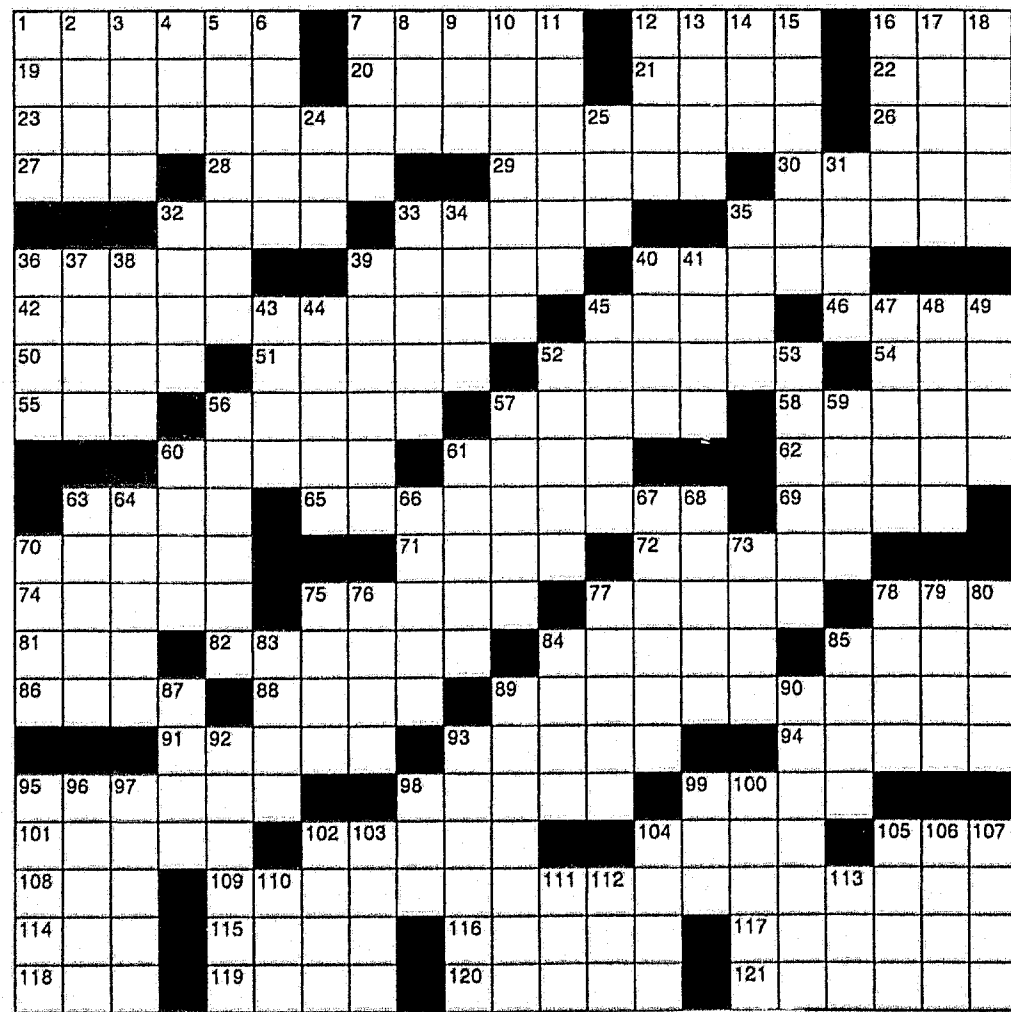
Years ago, many years ago, an abundance of men's boots would have had some logic to it. That would have been in the days when women were basically housebound and the men went out to face the world and bring home the bacon. But, as I said, that was a very long time ago.

Now the women have to go out just like the men to make a living and they need boots. Who has to go out no matter what the weather to do the grocery shopping? The women, that's who and they need boots. Who are the ones who have to taxi the kids all over the place no matter what the weather? The women do and they need boots.

So what's the deal here? A man can walk into the store and pick out the pair of boots of their choice with no problem. A woman will have to settle on whatever pair of clod hoppers that will fit her. One more reason I hate winter.

The way I see it, if you're into winter recreation you should be pretty happy right about now. So wax up those skis, tune up those snowmobiles and have a wonderful winter. Me, I'll just sit around in my doofus hat and Barbie gloves and brood. No matter how hard I try, I just don't seem to be able to get much of a boot out of winter.

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Super Crossword

'Hellish-Tosis'

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From the Bethel Police Log:

Tuesday, Jan. 12

At 7:58 p.m. Officer Bill Britting responded to the intersection of Route 2 and the Sunday River Road for a disabled vehicle. The driver's side front wheel had fallen off as the car made a right turn on to Route 2.

Monday, Jan. 11

At 1 a.m. Officer Anthony Keach found a vehicle that had been left on Mayville Road for two days was still there. The owner of the vehicle had a suspended license. A wrecker was called.

At 12:20 p.m. David W. Smith turned himself in on an arrest warrant to Sgt. S.R. White at the P.D.

Sunday, Jan. 10

(Time not available) Officer Bill Britting responded to the North Road for an accident. On arrival the officer found an intoxicated driver, and another motorist trying to pull him out of the snow. David V. Clark, 23, of Farmington was arrested for OUI.

Saturday, Jan. 9

At 12:25 a.m. Officer Anthony Keach received a report of a subject dumping trash in a dumpster on Evergreen Rd. The vehicle and subject was identified and warned, and told he could be charged if the dumpster owner wished.

At 9:17 a.m. Officer Rusty Daley responded to the Route 26/West Bethel Road intersection for a two-vehicle, property damage accident.

Friday, Jan. 8

At noon Sgt. S.R. White took a report of criminal mischief on Elm Street. An oil line at a house had been disconnected, causing the home to freeze.

At 12:30 p.m. Sgt. S.R. White responded to the Parkway/Main St. intersection for a property damage accident.

At 9 p.m. Officer George Gould responded to the Chandler Hill Road for a report of an accident. There were no injuries.

At 11:42 p.m. Officer Anthony Keach received a report of an assault at a village business. The complainant asked to be called by an officer, but then would not answer his phone.

Thursday, Jan. 7

At 11:05 p.m. Officer Anthony Keach responded to the North Road for a report of several horses loose. Several subjects were able to secure the animals.

Wednesday, Jan. 6

At 3:30 p.m. Officer George Gould stopped a vehicle on Main Street for having an excessive amount of snow covering the rear window. Ralph H. Gannon III was summonsed for operating a motor vehicle without a license.

Tuesday, Jan. 5

(Time not available) Sgt. S.R. White took a report of criminal mischief at a church on Church Street.

At 1:30 p.m. Sgt. S.R. White assisted the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency on the West Bethel Road.

At 11:27 p.m. Officer George Gould responded to Summer Street for a report of a threat. The subject could not be located.

This report highlights points of interest from the Bethel Police Department log. It lists cases reported in the log of adults being arrested or issued a summons in the 10 days

Oxford County Jail:

(Bethel region)

Jan. 11, 12:30 p.m.: David W. Smith, 18, of Newry, failure to pay fines; by BPD Sgt. S.R. White in Bethel.

Bethel



by Nancy Brown

Bethel has a new gourmet food-to-go business.

Gourmet in a Pinch has a new gourmet food-to-go business. Gourmet in a Pinch offers gourmet food as well as specialty beer and select fine wines. The business is located at 312 Mayville Road (Route 2) in the new retail space at Bearhaven Crossing between Bethel and the Sunday River Access Road. Gourmet in a Pinch is owned and operated by Chef Charisa Legault and Paul Legault who is the vice-president and business manager. All the food is prepared onsite in a 900 square foot kitchen and includes gourmet prepared entrees, appetizers, soups, side dishes, and desserts. Gourmet in a Pinch features a drive thru/pickup window and delivery and catering options upon request.

After a friend recommended Gourmet in a Pinch, I ordered a Sunday dinner of Grandma B's Meatloaf, parried carrots, and smashed potatoes with garlic and chives. The food more than lived up to the menu's claim of "great gourmet food to go." The phone number is 824-6000. The new website will be up and running this week at www.gourmetinapinch.net.

The Maine Warden Service is warning outdoor enthusiasts to check for thin ice after two snowmobiles and one truck crashed through ice on Maine's waterways over the past weekend. In the Bethel area there is still open water on some ponds and rivers. Snowmobilers, snowshoers and skiers also need to watch for open water and thin ice in the woods and fields. The Maine Snowmobile Association, along with the Warden Service, is reminding snowmobile operators that "skimming," attempting to ride over open water, is not only dangerous, it is also illegal.

Bethel's WinterFest 2010 is from Saturday, Jan. 23 through Sunday, Jan. 31. Events include guided snowshoe tours, ice skating, cross-country skiing, a snow maze, snow sculptures, and hot air balloons. Get a complete list of events at www.bethelwinterfest.com or (800) 442-5826.

Friends of Jane Chapin Sullivan were saddened to hear of her death at the age of 89 at Hawthorne House in Freeport. Jane was born in Bethel and was a member of the Class of 1938 at Gould Academy. She graduated from Central Maine Medical Center School of Nursing and was a first lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps, serving in the Asiatic/Pacific Theater. She was a dedicated nurse for many years, retiring from the Maine Medical Center in 1984.

Florence Morgan celebrated her birthday on Saturday, Jan. 8, with a party at her home attended by her children, grandchildren, and friends. Do you have news? Send it to nancybrown1150@yahoo.com or call 824-2483.

West Bethel



by Lorrie Hoeh

Well, it's a mystery to me what happened to my last week's

column between my typing it and thinking I sent it off to the Citizen. It is in my Citizen file, but not in my "sent" file on the computer. I remember copying and pasting it into an e-mail. So I must have hit the wrong keys, and it never went out. Apologies to my readers. I will incorporate some of it in today's piece.

Vehicle traffic seems to have come to a halt on the forest road. The last tire tracks I saw were on New Year's morning, and none since. That morning I snowshoed in about 1½ miles round trip, but it felt more like 3 miles. It was mostly uphill as I broke trail, so it was slow going and short steps, making

me feel very virtuous for the strenuous workout I was getting. Last Thursday I skied in, but it was difficult and sometimes hazardous, owing to horse tracks, tracks of what looked like an army of boots, coyote and deer tracks.

Snowmobiles have created a better surface with their comings and goings. So on Friday I donned snowshoes again and found the going much easier. Mike and I did the trail again on Saturday, then snowshoed the West Branch trail on Sunday.

The much-heralded storm of weekend before last amounted to something of a fizzle after all the dire predictions of multiple feet of white stuff. Here at the Hoehstead we measured about 13 inches total for the weekend. It involved snowblowing and shoveling twice, but it was not very heavy snow. The wind didn't help, of course, and made measurements difficult, but now we just enjoy seeing it out there. As of this writing, we could use a fresh coating of snow for those of us who like to ski or ride snowmobiles.

The birds are gradually coming back. We recently had a sizeable flock of goldfinches, and some juncos have visited as well. Also in attendance are chickadees, nuthatches, and lots of downy and hairy woodpeckers. We often see red crossbills up near Joan Gable's house. Turkeys appear frequently here and there on the Grover Hill Road, but they are staying away from our place in droves. On Monday morning Jake flushed three of the big birds just up the road as we were returning from our walk.

On New Year's Eve yours truly was stage manager for the Senior Players' presentation of three short plays, "The Challenge of Bureaucracy," "Cornbread and Beans," and "Postcards from Sicily." Our

players did a fine job, and their efforts were well received by the audience, who laughed and guffawed in all the right places. Getting a good reaction like that makes it even more fun for the actors, so thank you to all who attended.

The ladies of the West Bethel Union Church had their monthly meeting after Sunday's service. This is when they handle all the details of taking care of the building. The previous week's service was cancelled because of the weather. I expect that the Lord understood the circumstances. The minister and his wife must drive from North Norway, and the roads were just too hazardous.

Last Saturday was the occasion of the Telstar relays at the High School. Cross-country skiers from all around the state — some 500 of them — competed in 3 x 5 relays starting at 10 a.m. and finishing shortly after 2 with an awards ceremony. Three skiers on each team each ran a 5 km lap, then tagged the teammate who ran the next lap. It was sunny, but very cold and windy, so participants stayed bundled up until shortly before their turns, when they stripped down to their "skinny suits" for the race.

Locally, the Gould Academy boys' team came in first among the boys, and the Gould girls came in second in the female contingent. Of course we were there to cheer on our granddaughter, Molly Siegel, who skied a fine race. Our loyalties are a bit torn, because we know all the Mount Blue girls, and they came in first. That's okay, because they are fine athletes, and we like them, too.

So far I haven't made much progress in undoing the results of holiday over-indulging. I'll just have to eat less and move more. Hope you're

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Gilead

by Lin Chapman
The first month of 2010 is moving right along.

We are about half way through the month. Lise McLain took her father, Gerard Dupont, to GORHAM this past week for a doctor's appointment. They stopped for lunch before heading back home.

My brother, Steve McLain, told me the other day that he has a lot of Blue Jays and Chickadees at his feeder. The Blue Jays are too big to get onto the feeder so they wait on the ground for the Chickadees to drop some.

We seem to have just the same birds as usual. There have not been any spectacular birds out here this week. Mary Tyler called to tell me that she had four turkeys pass through their yard and fly over the road into the woods. She has also been participating in a bird count. One day she counted about sixty Mourning Doves. While we were on the phone, she said there were almost that many outside right then.

Celia Broomhall sent an e-mail this past week with some news. First of all she wanted to say, "Thanks!" to Fred Corriveau, for keeping the Bog Road open in the snow storms. Driving home from work at 12:30 a.m. was not so bad!

Her daughter, Amy, was there for four days with her friends, to ski with Celia and Bill. They drove up in the big storm Saturday and considered that a big adventure. Celia and Bill had a lot of fun with them during the visit. Celia said that skiing was really good too! Amy works on a horse farm in New York schooling jumpers and sales horses.

Hugh and I attended the Oxford County Mineral and Gem Association's Annual Meeting and Dinner last Sunday. The Crosstone Restaurant provided a delicious turkey dinner with all the

fixin's. There was even apple crisp for dessert. There were around thirty members and guests present.

Town Office
Reminder — Don't forget that dog licenses are due by the end of January. A late fee of \$15 will apply after that date.

The Selectmen are working on the budget for 2010. The Annual Town Meeting will be on March 27.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

East Bethel

by Wally Ritz
It seems to me that 2010 is off to quite an interesting start in the neighborhood. We

can give a great welcome to Natalie Charette, born Dec. 16, 2009 to her proud parents Renee and Tony Charette. Her sisters Adeline (5) and Viviane (2) just love her to pieces. Congratulations and what a special way to celebrate Christmas and start the new year.

There is more good news and excitement as Neil Olson and his son-in-law, Craig Aube, are putting together a 12 U baseball team. This team will compete in various tournaments in different states. If you know any good players 10 to 12 years old, contact either Craig at 756-9665 or Neil 749-1179. Tryouts are required to join this new team called the Southern Maine Blackflies. Thank you Neil and Craig for doing this for kids.

Neil also spent a month in northern Maine trapping bear for various paper companies. Holly Roberts and her son, Caleb, are happy that their dog Bronson came home after he had been missing for 13 days. Sadly though they had to bring him to the vet right off as during this time he must have been kept in a very confined space and not fed. Thank goodness he escaped and made it home.

For those who are interested in continuing education, on Feb. 6 the author, Sue Solar, will give a seminar entitled "So you want to be an author" from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30

p.m. at Telstar. For more details you can call 824-2780. Her published work is available at our local bookstore.

Now let's move on to the new Trivia question "When did the actual recorded Indian raid in the area take place?" And remember with your answer, news or info you can call me 824-3220 or e-mail me han@megalink.net.

Have a great week everyone.

Upton

by Laurie Brown
Dick and Sue Angevine had 23 unexpected visitors last Monday. A

bus, carrying teen hockey players and two coaches broke down on East B Hill and they ended up enjoying the Angevine's hospitality for about seven hours while they waited for another bus to "rescue" them. The boys attend an independent school in Ontario. Sue said the boys were polite, well-mannered and fun. Dick took one of the coaches to Andover where they bought 20 large pizzas, tons of french fries and a case of water. Sue has pictures.

Speaking of pictures, Jim Rector is hoping for some (preferably digital) to grace the front cover of the town report. He'll need to receive them by early February.

The Town Meeting is scheduled for March 25.

Ladies Aid members graciously offered to store Brother Joe's four round tables for the winter. Not only did he accept the offer, he delivered them. Folks coming in for breakfast Sunday certainly seemed to enjoy them since they're more conducive to conversation than the big, long ones. A cribbage board, chess set, checkerboard and various other games are there for folks to enjoy after their breakfast. There are also puzzles that can be started and left for all to work on. If someone starts a Sunday morning cribbage tournament, I'm going to want to quit cooking and join it!

Bob Brown nearly hit a coyote by Dunham's driveway. Christie Dunham has seen deer that have been attacked by coyotes and have portions

of skin and body parts missing. Of course she doesn't see the ones that didn't survive. There are too many of those conniving killers scheming to attack not only other wildlife, but pets and livestock as well. They aren't afraid to get very close to homes, either.

Lawrence Peter said, "make three correct guesses consecutively and you will establish a reputation as an expert." That's thought provoking. Haven't we all met "experts" and doubt that they've met even that low criteria for their title?

Have a wonderful week. Seilah

Andover

by Melinda Averill
Hello Andover friends, a reminder that the Andover Town Office will be

closed on Monday, Jan. 18, for Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. There is also no school that day, woo hoo!

Andover Recreation Committee sponsored activities for the new year:

Adult Co-ed volleyball: AES Gym Wednesdays and Sundays 6 to 8 p.m., contact Kier Simmons; Walking Group: from Andover Congo Church lot Tuesdays 6 p.m. and Sundays 1:30 p.m. contact Dora Morton; DIY Exercise Group (with DVDs) Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at AES Gym, contact Denise Hurd; Adult Exercise class, Thursdays 6 to 7 p.m. at AES Gym with Kier Simmons instructing.

There are plans for a walking, snowshoeing, cross-country ski path around the perimeter of Grimaldi Field and the ice-skating rink behind the fire station is ready for use. Watch for community skate dates too.

In addition, there has been interest expressed in forming a TOPS group (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) to meet here in Andover. Anyone interested in forming a group that would meet on Mondays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Andover Town Hall can contact Tina Farrington (557-8804). There will be a registration and informational meeting for the group on Monday, Jan. 25, at 5:30

p.m. at the Town Hall. Four to six members are needed to start a group. The first weighing meeting would be held Feb. 1. Annual yearly membership fees are \$25.

Mark your calendars: A community Winter Carnival will be held on Saturday, Feb. 27. The Andover Recreation Committee is looking to work with other community groups to plan events. On Saturday, there will be snowshoe and cross-country ski races in the field at the Snowvalley Snoe-goers Hut at David and Betsy White's. The SNSG club will once again host its family sliding party on the hill at the club and will again offer hot food. In the works are plans for a teen Friday night broom-ball and bonfire skating party. The Andover Recreation Committee will hold a planning meeting on Monday, Jan. 18 at 7 p.m. Volunteers and ideas are welcome!

Happy birthday wishes this week to Maruya Gammon on Saturday, the 16th, Isabella Simmons on the 17th and Ethan Meisner Nelson on the 20th. A special Happy Anniversary to Polly and Dick Johnston, Washington, who used to live in "the Purple House!" Have a nice weekend.

Newry

by Sylvia Harrington
Dave and Ann Webb made the trip from Nantucket to Newry to enjoy a family get-together this Christmas and New Year's.

They entertained numerous relatives and friends over the holidays and skied at Sunday River and enjoyed all of the gratuitous amenities available at the mountain. Kevin, Lynn, and Joseph Barry were up from Cape Cod over the holidays. Joseph invited three of his friends for a few days of skiing and snowmobiling. They all enjoyed a festive and entertaining New Year's Eve gathering with Leon and Sandee Dunn and many of their neighbors.

There were many snowmobiles filling their machines with gas at Bear River Trading Post on Sunday. The riders also bought coffee and

snacks along with gloves and warm outdoor wear. Apparently the trails were in excellent condition according to the talk at the Post. Give them a call at 824-2327 if you have questions.

Windy Valleys SC trail conditions can be obtained by calling Leon Dunn at 824-3335, Ed Powers at 739-9618 or Brad Wight at 824-2288. Members are still working the trials to have them in topnotch condition for riding. Lend a hand if that is an interest. Help is always appreciated. You may stop by the Town Office to get a list of club members and a season schedule of events from David Bonney.

Hanover

by Clem Worcester
The second round of prize drawings for Rumford Grange took place early

last week. Tracey Moir won a Sunday River ski pass. Donna Worcester won tractor work by Wendell Easter. Greg Parks won ski passes to Saddleback Mountain. Those who won Community Energy propane refills were Arnold Clark, Pam Conkright, Donna Worcester and Clem Worcester. Arnold Clark won firewood by Brian Worcester.

Vicki Clark continues to recover at home following several days in Rumford Hospital.

Kaylynn Worcester, daughter of Brian Worcester, celebrated her 9th birthday with a party at Donna and Clem Worcester's home last Saturday. Besides a big cake she had many gifts. Attending were Lisa Theberge, Gail Worcester, Bonnie and Frank Bulger, Hunter and Nicole Bernard, Shawnee and Makala Worcester, Vicki and Butch Clark and Donna and Clem. Step mom Sara Worcester, who also attended, planned the event.

Rumford Fire Department and Med-Care Ambulance responded to a chimney fire at a Main Street residence last Thursday. There was no report of damage or injuries.

The Hanover Planning Board met on Jan. 6 for their

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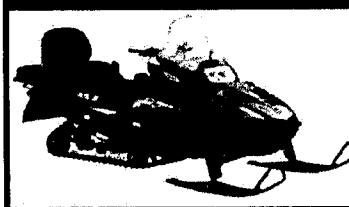
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Glass and China include: The Auburn Maine Home is full of smalls including Glass and China, A Large Royal Dauton Dinner Set, Avery Large Lot of Postoria, Several Good Pieces of Roseville include 2 matching Pine Cone Vases, Large Capadomonte Urn with Angels, Jack and Pulpit Vase, Carnival, Castor Set, Other Large Dinner Sets, Chintz, Mixing Bowls, Bone China Includes, Coalport Shelly Ecl, Limoges, Wedgwood, And Again some dishes sold in large lots because of the volume of items, Jewelry includes Good Howard Pocket Watch in Box 14kt Gold, Large Double Case Coin Silver Watch Very Early with Fusse Movement Signed Howard, Coin Silver Watch and Chain Signed A.J.W. Good Gold Pen, Several Gold Rings with Diamonds all Estate Rings, Good 18kt Gold Estate Victorian Ring, Nice Lot of Cameos, Painted Pins ect, Several large lots of Costume Estate Jewelry sold in Tray Lots loaded with tons of Estate Jewelry, Several Pocket watches and more a ton of Jewelry to be sold

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monthly meeting. It was reported that a landowner had replaced an incorrectly installed culvert on South Shore Road. The Board also met with surveyor Jim Barker who has been working on the Hanover Shoreland Zone map. Following some minor changes the map should be ready for use soon.

Last Sunday local members of the Knights of Pythias attended a reception for the Grand Chancellor and the Grand Chief in Brunswick. Grand Chancellor Wallace Brewer is from Boothbay and Grand Chief Donna Gregory lives in Jefferson. They are father and daughter. Attending from the local area were Freeman and Norma Farrington, Andover; Danny and Janice Bennett and Michael Bennett from Milton Township; Craig Turner and Donna and Clem Worcester, Hanover.

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library has resumed its winter hours at the Hanover Town Office. Under the direction of librarian Peg Sushbury the library is open each Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

East Andover



by Joan Stinson-Carney

My condolences to Janet Farrington and her family. Her nephew, Gary Lewis Culp, of Oregon died in an accident in Oregon last week.

Someone had better be watching what Lorena Simmons is putting in her teacup. Last Sunday she had a bad fall but wasn't seriously hurt because she landed on her cat's padded house. Of course her cat isn't speaking to her now and probably won't be until a new house arrives.

The recent horrid weather has been a good excuse for curling up with a nice book. As if I needed one!

Thanks to a suggestion from a patron, the Andover Library has started a special shelf of "Classic Literature" for your pleasure. You can choose from "Moby Dick," "Pride and Prejudice," "Jane Eyre," and many more classics, there is even a copy of the "Cantabury Tales," and while this is great, you can only read the classics over again a few times, and for me and many other patrons of our library, a new book by James Patterson, Maeve Binchey, Tami Hoag, Janet Evanovitch, Stephen King or Danielle Steele is a joy to find on the "New Book" shelf. Andover can be so proud of its new book collection. I've heard several people from Rumford and Bethel say that we have a lot better selection of new books than their libraries have. One of the new books I read this week was "Intervention" by Terri Blackstock. Sorry, but just a C+ from me. I'm waiting for the new Tami Hoag which should be here soon. There is a good selection of books on tape also.

Ruth and Dennis Daniel will celebrate a wedding anniversary on the 17th, Francis and Vi Yates will celebrate a wedding anniversary on the 18th, and Polly and Dick Johnson on the 21st.

Happy Birthday to Isabella Simmons and Stan Pingree on the 17th, Jeff Rainey on the 19th, and Ethan Meisner Nelson on the 20th.

I rented the DVD "Inglorious Basterds" from Andover General last week, and in my humble opinion it was a great movie. I don't recommend letting your children watch it, but I can see why it is up for so many awards. In fact it won the People's Choice award for Best Picture. And while I'm not really a Brad Pitt fan, he did a good job in this one, and of course, being me, I love the



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT—Freeman Farrington of Cabot Lodge Knights of Pythias in Andover presents his grandson, Matthew Farrington, a \$500 scholarship check from the Grand Lodge of Maine Knights of Pythias. Matthew is the son of Mark and Sharon Farrington and is attending CMCC in Auburn.

title. Andover General has a good selection of DVDs for rent. I rent one and if I like it, I wait until it goes down in price at Wal-Mart and then I buy it to add to my collection.

Sorry Patriots' fans, just like the Red Sox I guess you'll have to wait until next year. Bummer! Go Celtics! See 'ya.

Mason



by Richard Grover

A couple weeks ago, on one of those cold mornings with a heavy frost coating on the deck, I stepped out the kitchen door, picked up a bucket of snow de-icer and started down the steps in my slippers. My intent was to de-ice the lower steps and walkway below.

On the second step down, my left foot zipped out in front of me, and the left cheek of

my butt bounced down two or three more steps. OW! Drat! I lay there on the ground surrounded by spilled de-icer for a couple minutes waiting for the pain to die down. I gingerly got up and found no serious damage, except a sore cheek!

The pain gradually subsided after two or three days and left just a small hard place in my left "glute." One evening as I got undressed to go to bed, Mona looked at me and said, "Come over here and turn around." As I turned, she said, "Oh my g--, your butt is all purple! Even your tailbone is purple!" Then I headed into the bathroom to look into the mirror. Sure enough! All I could see of my left cheek was indeed dark purple.

Even as I write this, my butt is still purple, but with no other symptoms. I hate it when that happens. I'll never wear slippers outside in winter again!

My bad luck didn't end with the fall. When I went to start my snowmobile (an older one), I found the battery weak and bought a new one of those.

I found those little batteries for motorcycles and snowmobiles are not cheap! Then, as I was anchoring the battery in place with a sheetmetal screw through the metal tiedown, I dropped the screw into the engine compartment and couldn't find it. The engine compartment is crowded, and you can't really see underneath the engine. I figured it had to be under there somewhere, so I went and found another screw.

Then I tried starting the machine. Vrrrrr! It started right up, for about three seconds. Then, clunk! Oh-oh! That doesn't sound good! I then borrowed nephew Rupert Jr.'s utility trailer and took the machine to White's Marina, which also handles Ski Doo snowmobiles. A couple days later, a mechanic phoned me and said, "I found the sheetmetal screw you lost." "Where was it?" "In your engine. We'll have to tear it down to fix it. It will cost you big bucks!" "Okay. Go ahead and fix it. I've got grandchildren coming for the weekend in a couple weeks."

I finally got the snowmobile back, fired it up, and drove it around for about 20 minutes to make sure it was running okay. Over the weekend, I bought a new can of gas to fill it up. Then, it wouldn't start! The starter solenoid is apparently bad! Another expensive item! I'm not rugged enough to be able to start it with the starter rope. Hopefully, I'll have it fixed before grandkids get here!

Greenwood City



by Wayne Hakala

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The Goodwin's new home is in place finally. What a time they have been through to date. And they still aren't in yet.

Hope and Change is here. There is a lot more taxes coming out of my military retirement. Just think of all of the possibilities coming at you too!

Bryant Pond



by Alice Hoyt

The program at Whitman Memorial Library (today) Jan.

14 will be at 2 p.m. Wayne Howe will be speaker talking and showing slides about his riding on the putt car on the railroad. Everyone welcome, no charge, light refreshments.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., morning worship at 10:30, evening service at 6. Wednesday evening at 5:30 is youth group and at 6:30 is prayer meeting. Jan. 19 at 6:30 p.m. is the annual Business Meeting; Jan. 21 at noon is the Seniors lunch; Jan. 30 at 9 a.m. is Ladies Bible Study.

Maggie Hoyt, daughter of James and Charlene Hoyt, returned to Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., on Thursday, Jan. 6 from her winter break. She is on the swim team, so she had to return earlier.

The Woodstock Extension group will meet at the Town

Conference Room on Wednesday, Jan. 20, for a meeting and program at 1 p.m.

The Woodstock Senior Citizens met at the Town Annex on Thursday, Jan. 7, with a potluck dinner, meeting and program. Next meeting is Feb. 4 also at the annex with a potluck dinner, and Beth Hoover will show how to make a rug out of old t-shirts. New members always welcome. We meet the first Thursday of each month with lunch, meeting and program. Think about joining. For more information call Norma Davis, the president.

Historical Society

The Historical Society Museum has many tools and farm implements. Ruby Emery also gave all kinds of household items. Toys also tell the amusements of children. Curator Larry Billings' New Year's wish is that more people would join the society. Meetings are the second Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. starting with a potluck supper, meeting and program. This winter they meet at the Town Conference room.

The New England Cultural Center has a classic, elegant atmosphere anyone would appreciate. Do visit soon. It has many prints of New England. Larry recently got a Sheraton mirror for the Center. Larry watched the New Year's celebration 2010 from Vienna.

Locke Mills



by Lorraine Larson

I hope now the holidays are over I can get back into the rhythm I had before and get this column in on time. If I repeat myself please forgive me because my memory is not what



TELSTAR JAMBOREE—The second annual Telstar Jamboree will take place Sunday, Jan. 24, at the Telstar Middle/High School Auditorium starting at 2 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults/\$5 for students. All money will be donated to the Bethel Food Pantry. Appearing at the Jamboree will be Maine Country Hall of Fame member and renowned guitarist Denny Breaux. Denny's playing has been heard in groups like Winterwood, Turkey Hollow and his own band, the Denny Breaux Trio. Jewel Clark, daughter of famed yodeler Slim Clarke and a local legend in her own right, returns along with Donnie Katlin and Holly York. Gould Academy music teacher and Those Jazz Guys pianist Jim McLaughlin will also appear. Telstar Middle School Art teacher Melissa Prescott will perform with her husband and Mountain Valley High School music director Michael Prescott (above). Telstar Middle School school counselor Kevin O'Reilly will perform bass guitar pieces from three solo CDs. Rounding out the show will be rock group Midnight Haze featuring Telstar Middle School 7th graders Ryan Vail and David Pilgrim Guay.

it was and half the time I cannot figure out what the computer does with my columns. I am going to try to start a new folder and see if I can get the 2010 columns into it. At least there will not be so many columns in it. In the other folder the news goes back to 2001 and that is a lot to go through if you lose one somewhere.

I got a nice surprise Christmas Eve when my nephew, Carl Colby, and his wife, Jaime, and children, Kyle and Katie, came to visit. The children helped me set up my Nativity Scene. I was rather late getting it set up this year. They left me a present and a lovely picture of the children.

she was pretty. Mandy and Mat Conkright and daughter, 3-year-old Blythe, were there as was Fran's mother, Eleanor Farrington. Mat and Mandy were also celebrating their fifth wedding anniversary. Having your anniversary on Christmas Day certainly guarantees you will not forget it although it doesn't guarantee you will get twice the presents!

The New Year slipped rather quietly in except I did get a backdoor seat to the fireworks display on Mt. Abram. That is just as good as a front-row seat because one can see the display and hear just as well. Chloe can't quite figure out where the sound is coming from and apparently her eyes cannot distinguish the fireworks from the surrounding landscape. She looks out the windows and barks but it is obvious it is the sounds she is reacting to not the pretty patterns of the fireworks. They say dogs are colorblind and she certainly seems to be. Dogs get shortchanged! I would hate to think that I couldn't distinguish colors. Even those people I have known that are sort of colorblind can see colors but a lot of them look just the same to them; purple looks like brown and red and green look like the same color, for example.

Our snowstorms lately have been rather long drawn-out affairs. I realized Wednesday evening when I went to worship practice that the last time I had been anywhere was to the worship practice the week before. Not that the practice was needed actually because we had to cancel the Sunday morning service two weeks in a row due to the weather. But we had to pull different songs because Mary and Pastor were back from their vacation and when they are here we have live music and when they are gone we use canned. We

are having trouble with the motherboard on the PowerPoint and are looking around for another PowerPoint system. New ones are a bit beyond our budget, so it will have to be secondhand and I don't imagine they are readily available! We were very lucky when we were able to get the one we have and it has served us well for several years.

I hope everyone will have a better and more prosperous year ahead. It seems as if a lot of people were hurting from the economy this past year and the programs that were designed to help are running out of funds, too. The Bible is not very encouraging because it says that there is coming a day when a day's pay will only cover a day's food, but at least if one knows what is coming one can better prepare. Of course, it doesn't say when that day is coming but only that we should be prepared for it so I guess that means all the time. So on that upbeat note, I will close and pray God will bless you and meet all your needs.

Albany



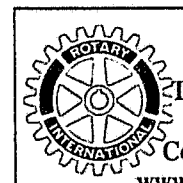
by Sheila Dyke

Greetings and hello from Albany Township. Sorry I

didn't write last week — almost missed this week's as well. Got a small bout of something and we're all runny noses and achy muscles. Hope everyone out there is doing well.

Not much really going on, been pretty quiet here. Was nice to have some warmer weather this past weekend, but the wind sure has picked up. Keep warm! We only have, what?, two more months of cold weather. Let's hope it goes quickly (well, those of us wanting warm weather will hope anyway).

Best wishes for a happy and safe week. God Bless and Keep.



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Waterford



by Rockie Graham

Here we are in mid-January and the weather is Januarycold. We are safely ensconced at Becky and Jeff's with Tasha dog, too. All goes well as we attempt to come to terms with the insurance company and who we want to build our house and what we want. I want solar, but am told it is too costly. I know there are ways to do it for less than the \$90,000 I am quoted. Time for me to get online and research it. Sunday, we all went to church while Becky and Jeff were baptized. The service (if that is what it is called) was quite nice with great music by young musicians. They actually have a recessed bathtub on stage to immerse candidates in. It was quite impressive. We also got to see old friends and connect with new ones. It was really good. Then Mary Kay and Randy

brought pizza over for all.

Dave and I went furniture shopping and also got some food and other necessary items. We can't take the furniture until we have a place to put it, but we can pick it out. It is hard to know what one wants in new furniture. I have never really bought new, except for a recliner. It was fun to try chairs and beds out to see what we liked. Now we wait for the insurance company to give us enough money to pay for it all.

I have been missing my knitting group and all other regular groups I was in, but I will reconnect, soon. We thought we would be in a trailer, soon, but it is the size of a job-site trailer and nothing we wanted to live in. So, we are staying with Becky and Jeff and the kids. Tasha missed her dog house, but she too is adjusting.

Since our phone is still no go, we can be reached at 743-8547 or 739-9115. We are currently not in the dead zone. If you have any information for me to include or want to contact us that is the way, use one of those numbers.

That is all for this week. Have a great week and look forward to next Monday, which is Martin Luther King Day.

From Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

Bethel, famed for building the World's Tallest SnowMan in 1999 (113 feet by 7 feet) and the World's Tallest SnowWoman in 2008 (122 feet by 1 foot) is hosting WinterFest 2010 from Jan. 23 to 31. WinterFest celebrates the many snow and ice activities and recreation found in the western Maine community.

Events and activities include guided snowshoe tours at the Bethel Nordic Ski Center at the Bethel Inn Resort, a snowmobile uphill climb at Mt. Abram, Old-Timers Nordic Ski Race at Carter's XC Ski Center, a rail jam competition on Bethel's Lower Main Street, hot air balloon ascents, snow sculptures, ice carvings, snow groomer rides, and horse-drawn sleigh rides, as well as a full-moon Nordic relay, full-moon snowshoe hike, and biathlon clinic at the Bethel Nordic Ski Center. Here skiers can learn this Olympic sport, which combines cross-country skiing with target shooting.

The Bethel Historical Society's exhibit, "Celebrating the Skiing Heritage of the Bethel Area," will be open with free admission. The exhibit has photos, artifacts, and ski equipment from the early years of Mt. Abram Ski Area and Sunday River Ski Resort.

An 80-by-195-foot outdoor ice-skating rink, a 90 square foot snow maze, and a snow sculpture playground will be open free of charge on the festival lot where the SnowPersons have long since melted — 37 Cross Street, Bethel.

Bethel area inns, B&B's, motels, and vacation rental properties are offering special packages for WinterFest, ranging from three-night stays for the price of two to a complete lodging and skiing package for the over-50 crowd at Sunday River Resort.

This event is being organized by the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, with support from presenting sponsor, Norway

Savings Bank.

A schedule of WinterFest 2010 events and packages is available online at www.bethelwinterfest.com. The Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce provides lodging reservations and information at (800) 442-5826 and at its website www.bethelmaine.com.

From Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center

A new book, "Historic Maine Homes: 300 Years of Great Houses," published in late 2009, is now available from Down East Books. With text by architect Christopher Glass and photography by Brian Vanden Brink, this 176-page book features a rich variety of styles including Colonial, Federal, Georgian, Italianate and others.

Glass is a practicing architect with a master's degree in

Architecture from Yale University and has long been active in Maine historic preservation activities.

Vanden Brink has been photographing architecture for more than twenty-five years and has been featured in a variety of publications ranging from Architectural Digest to Down East to the New York Times Magazine.

Glass and Vanden Brink collaborated on a previous book in 2004, "At Home in Maine: Houses Designed to Fit the Land."

Pages 56-58 of "Historic Maine Homes" contain four photographs relating to the Dr. Moses Mason House, a Federal Period structure, built in 1813, along with some interpretive text, focusing particularly on its famous Rufus Porter murals. Of these Glass writes, "Trees appear to grow out of the newel posts, and the experience of climbing the stairs is like a panoramic journey along the coast of Maine."

"We do not truly know where we live until we know

its history, and the dreams of those who have lived here before we came along," writes Christopher Glass. "Learning the stories of owners, or the styles and builders of our architectural history," he continues, "is a way of coming to know more profoundly what it means to call a place 'home.'"

Founded in 1966, the Bethel Historical Society fosters a sense of place — centered in western Maine and the White Mountain region — by collecting, preserving, displaying and interpreting historically significant artifacts and documents for residents, visitors, students, and scholars.

Deans List

Amber Brooks, daughter of Clyde and Sene Brooks of Bethel, has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2009 semester at Unity College. Amber is a first-year student majoring in Conservation Law Enforcement.



BETHEL REC TRAVEL TEAM—The Bethel Rec Travel Team competes in the Western Maine Youth Basketball League. The squad is coached by Donna Howard and Michael Pelletier and travels to play in Dixfield, Farmington, Wilton, Turner, Oxford Hills, Lewiston, and Jay / Livermore. Home games are at the Telstar gym on Sunday afternoons. Pictured are, front: Hayley Peterson, Olivia York, and Savannah Pelletier. Back: Blair Stevens, Victoria Ryerson, Emma Scheidegger, Becca Howard, Caitlyn Haines, and Annie Cushman. (Photo A. Aloisio)

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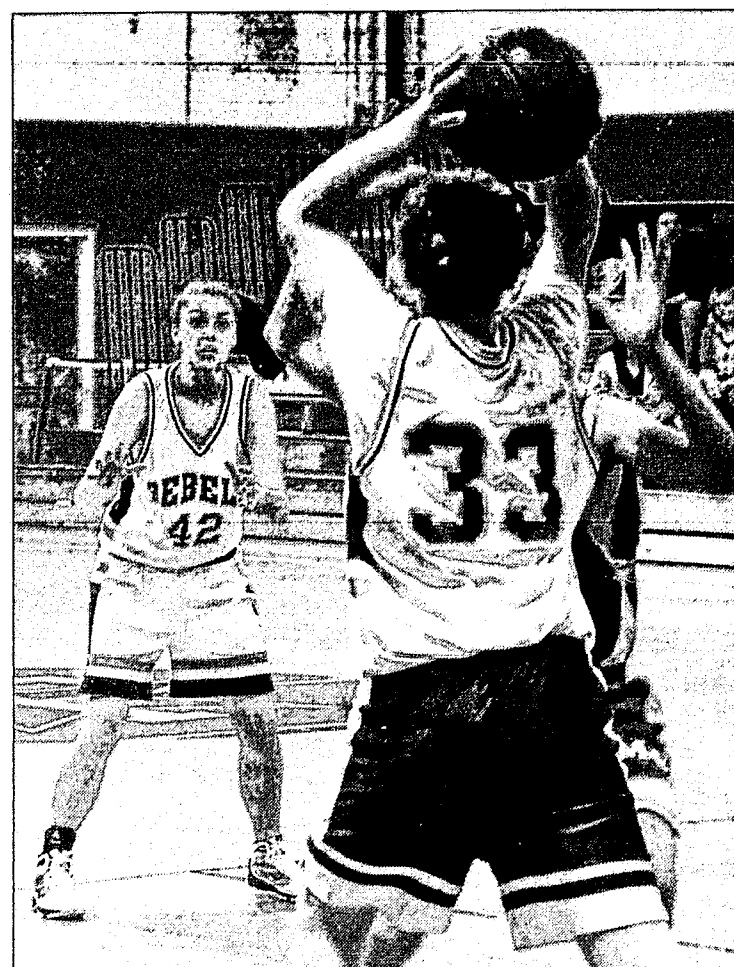
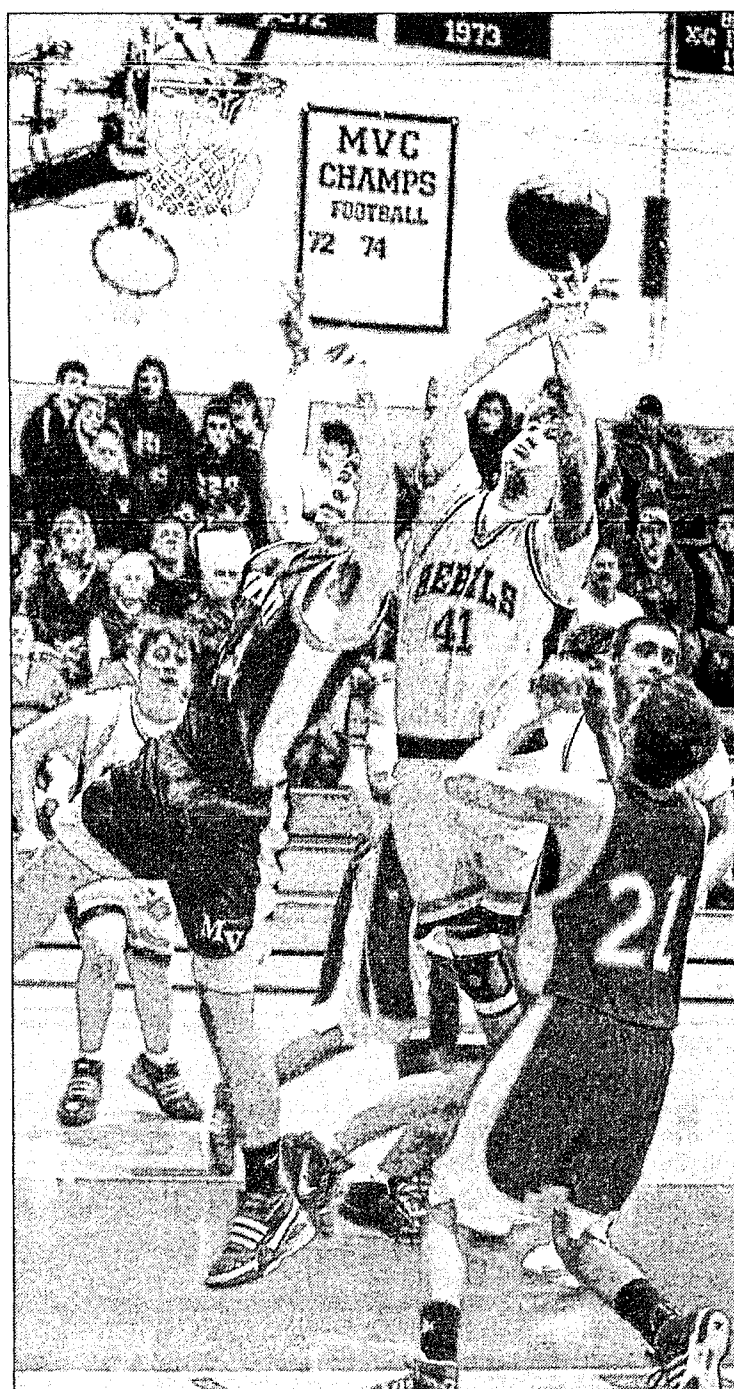
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A BUSY WEEK AT TELSTAR—Last week the Fusionworks Dance Company of Rhode Island visited Bethel for the second concert in the Gould Performing Arts Series of the Mahosuc Arts Council. The company, under the direction of choreographer and artistic director Deb Meunier also performed at Telstar for high and middle school students (top left). On the basketball court, Telstar High School faced Mountain Valley H.S. Above, the Rebels Ben Field (41) fights for a rebound. Top right, in the J.V. game, Rebel Emma Davis waits for a pass from teammate Ridge Latham. Davis plays for both the varsity and J.V., while Jenna Putnam plays for the J.V. There is no girls' squad at THS this year. Bottom, Telstar's Rick Aguilar (left) and Matthew Keane compete in the Telstar Relays cross-country ski race Saturday. Sports results, Page 11. (Photos: A. Aloisio)

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Sports

High School Boys' Varsity Basketball

Mt. Valley 83, Telstar 56; Jan. 6— Telstar scorers: Ben Field 14; Dan Vaughn 13; T. J. O'Connor 8; Dan Whitney 7; Elek Pew 4; Zach Brands 2; Corey Howard 6; Josh Bellinger 2.

High School Boys' J.V. Basketball

Jan. 9 Telstar 51, Carrabec 40; Jan. 9— Telstar scorers: Nick Mills 16 points, Lucas Bellanveau Devin Vail 10 points Michael Delduca 8 points. The Rebels had a 16-point 4th quarter while holding Carrabec to 7 points. — coach David Berry

Hyde 43, Gould 11; Jan. 8—The Huskies struggled to get points on the board going scoreless well into the third quarter. We started to get the hang of things after a long winter break in the fourth quarter with a flurry of activity between Peter Xu and Michael Young. Peter was our high scorer with 4 points. Aaron Mason also had a strong performance with 5 steals and 2 points in the 2nd half. —from Gould sports reports

Mt. Valley 66, Telstar 26; Jan. 6— Telstar scorers: Nick Mills 10 points, Emma Davis 5 points. Devin Vail 4 points. — Coach David Berry

Telstar 51, Mt. Abram 38; Jan. 4— Telstar scorers: Nick Mills 19, Lucas Bellenveau 9, Emma Davis 6, Chance Bellanveau 4, Michael Delduca 4, Joey Blanchard 4. The Rebels free-throw shooting was 14 for 17 in a win over Mt. Abram. — Coach David Berry

High School Cross-country Skiing

Telstar Relays, Jan. 9— 28 school and about 500 racers took part. There were three races, boys relay with 3 legs, a girls' relay with three legs and a boys and girls individual 5K race. Place finishes are as follows:

Boys Relay

1st Gould Academy with the team of Jeb Clarke, Andy Nesbit, Peter Cowan

19th Telstar: Adam Mahar, Casey Kellner, Ben Lewis

35th Gould: Kyle Curry, Nolan Dumont, Izzy Cohan

52nd Gould: A. Clarke, Ben Martin, Taylor Reis

Girls Relay

2nd Gould: Samantha Southam, Molly Siegel, Alice Hotopp

21st Gould: Margaret Wiser, Abbie Goldberg, Meg Runyon

38th Gould: Helen Cooper, Rosemary Wiser and Jane Haser

Boys Individual Race, Telstar racers: 5th James Piccarillo; 6th Matt Keane; 44th Rick Aguilar — Telstar Coach Ann Speth

Jan. 6: the Telstar boys cross country ski team participated in a classic race at Black Mountain with six other schools. Telstar racers: 6th Adam Mahar, 11th Ben Lewis, 18th Matt Keane, 20th James Piccarillo, 25th Casey Kellner and 50th Rick Aguilar. Telstar Coach Ann Speth

High School Snowboarding

Jan. 10— Gould's Lauren Tamposi and Eric Eramo, went to

Waterville Valley for the Trans-Am event. The first session was a Jam format, with judges just watching everyone and selecting the top 32 men and 8 women, out of a field of 100. Eric rode well with a lot of confidence but just missed out on the final. Lauren qualified in first or second for the final, and rode really strong in that final to take first place. This qualifies her for the Trans Am final in Big Bear in March.— from Gould sports reports

TMS Boys' Varsity Basketball

Telstar 39, Carrabec 28; Jan. 12—Telstar's Josef Holt led the scoring with 15, Zach Mills had 9, and Austin Ryerson 7. The Telstar team improved on defense. — Coach Tim O'Connor

Jay 48, Telstar 44; Jan. 11— Telstar's Austin Ryerson led the team with 15 pts., while Josef Holt added 12 and Nik Conrad 10 pts. — Coach Tim O'Connor

TMS Boys' J.V. Basketball

Jay 35, Telstar 30; Jan. 11.

TMS Girls' Varsity Basketball

Jay 42, Telstar 31; Jan. 11— Telstar played a great game and kept the score tight until the third quarter where they slipped slightly behind. Savanna Patenaude, Alyssa Brands, Casey Blaszcak, and Autum Morin each scored 6 points for the team, while Anna Saucier and Maisey Griffin scored 3 each, also scoring were Hali Barter with 2 and Eliza Miele with 1. — Coach Morin

Carrabec 40, Telstar 24; Jan. 9— The first quarter was a match, but second quarter dropped them behind, they stayed their course in the third quarter, and pulled up the game closer together in the fourth. Scoring were: Casey Blaszcak 6 pts.; Anna Saucier 6; Autum Morin 4; and Eliza Miele, Jennifer Wakefield, Alyssa Brands, and Hali Barter all with 2. — Coach Morin

TMS Girls' J.V. Basketball

Jay 32, Telstar 27; Jan. 11— Telstar's Tori Ryerson scored 10 points for the team, followed by Savannah Pelletier and Becca Howard with 6 points, Octavia Morin and Hayley Peterson each scored 2 points, and Vanessa Godwin 1 point. — Coach Morin

Carrabec 46, Telstar 28; Jan. 9—Telstar began the game strong keeping the score even in the first quarter. They lost a little momentum in the second and dropped slightly behind, and the third quarter took its toll when we didn't score. The fourth quarter was a close match and we managed to put more points on the board. Telstar scorers: Becca Howard 7 pts.; Vanessa Godwin 6; Savannah Pelletier, Hayley Peterson, and Blair Stevens all with 4, Octavia Morin with 2, and Tori Ryerson with 1. — Coach Morin

TMS Cross-country Skiing

Oxford Hills Sponsored Skate Race at Sunny Croft Farms; Jan. 7— Telstar team participated in a freestyle race at Sunny Croft Farms where Farmington Area Ski Team (FAST), Sugarloaf Area Ski Team (SAST), Mt. Valley, Oxford Hills, Spruce, Dirigo and Tripp competed. The Telstar Middle School Boys finished in first place while the Telstar Middle School Girls captured second place.

Telstar Girls

FAST won with Telstar second and Tripp third. There were 34 total female racers. Telstar racers: Rose Goldberg 14:14 7th; Rachael Goldberg 14:45 8th; Alex Leff 15:01 9th; Carla Boyle-Wight 19:41 20th; Ani Inman 25:04 26th.

Telstar Boys

Telstar won the race followed by Mtn. Valley in 2nd and FAST in 3rd. There were a total of 44 male racers. Telstar racers: Adian Clarke 11:44 4th; Tyler Babcock-Walker 12:00 5th; Caleb Clarke 12:06 6th; Mitch Leeman 13:26 9th; Max Southam 14:14 16th; Brendon Sterns 15:21 18th; Schyler Leff 15:45 21st; Liam Gallagher 19:09 35th. — coach Steve Keane

School Lunch

Week of Jan. 18
Telstar Lunches

Monday: No school – Martin Luther King Day

Tuesday: Chicken tenders, oven fries, green salad, chilled fruit, italian bread, pizza choices, 2 hot sandwich options.

Wednesday: Pasta bar w/homemade macaroni and cheese/ham sticks, coleslaw, dinner roll, pizza choices, 2 hot sandwich options.

Thursday: Make your own sandwich bar, shepherds pie, homemade brownie, green beans, pizza choices, 2 hot sandwich options.

Friday: Sandwich bar, beef and cheddar sub, pepperoni calzone, potato chips, 2 hot sandwich options.

Fruit and vegetable bar available daily. Four servings of fruits and vegetables available.

SAD44 Elementary Schools Lunches

Monday: No school.

Tuesday: Pizza choices or chicken patty/bun, or PB&J uncrustables, green salad, chilled fruit.

Wednesday: Homemade macaroni and cheese, ham sticks, or quick pick yogurt, cheesestick and bagel, or PB&J sandwich, coleslaw.

Thursday: Shepherds pie or turkey and cheese sandwich, or PB&J sandwich, green beans, homemade brownie.

Friday: Turkey or ham italian or PB&Fluff, italian ice, potato starz.

Fruit and veggie bar daily (4 servings of fruit and vegetables).

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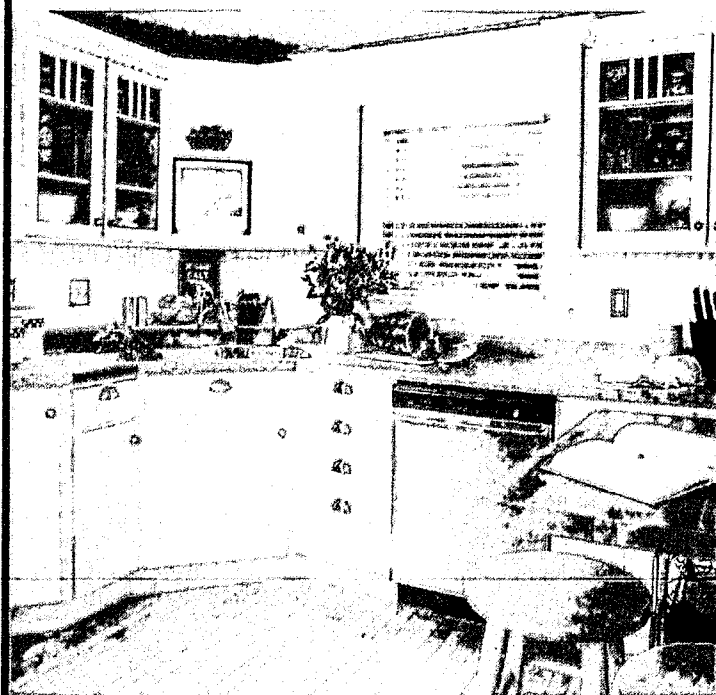
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Events Calendar

9:15 a.m. (Fridays) - Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge at Fare Share Food Coop, 443 Main Street, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzz116@myfairpoint.net.

6:30 p.m. Mondays - Hillsmen Barbershop Chorus rehearses at Catholic Church, Norway, New singers welcome. FMI: call Dr. Tere Porter 743-0656 evenings or Pat Fleck at 647-5005.

Tuesdays, 10 to 11 a.m. - Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families (ACOA or ACA) group meeting at Watford Library (Route 37 across from the Commons). All welcome. FMI: call 743-0583.

Every Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m. The Yet to be Named Banjo Club practices Fare Share Market, 477 Main Street, Norway. Interested banjoists invited to join. Public welcome. FMI: call Alan Hamilton at 875-2680.

First and third Wednesdays 9 to 12 a.m. - Veterans' Advocate will be at Maine Veterans' Home, South Paris on Sept. 2.

Wednesdays 6 to 7:30 p.m. - People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: call Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (all calls confidential).

Wednesday nights - TOPS, take off pounds sensibly, at Bethel Alliance Church from 5:30 to 6 p.m. (weigh in) and meeting from 6 to 6:30 p.m. All welcome. FMI: call 824-3288.

Wednesdays 10 to 11 a.m. - T'ai Chi at Ellie's Express and 5 to 6 p.m. at Bethel Family Health Center. Taught by Betsey Foster, MPH. To register, contact Betsey at 875-2426 or BSF@megalink.net.

Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m. - Cross Country Quilters of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. No dues, no rules, just fun. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Thursdays, 1:30 to 3 p.m. - Cancer Wellness Support Group support and education for cancer patients, survivors, caregivers at Rumford Hospital, Room 357 (2nd floor). Call (877) 336-7287 (toll free) to confirm during stormy weather.

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m. - Woodstock Historical Society meeting at the Museum.

7 p.m. - Bethel Snow Twisters, 208 Walkers Mills Road, meetings First Sunday, thru April.

Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m. - Story Time for Children at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with Michele Perejda. FMI: call 824-2520.

Thru Jan. 2010 - At Norway Library: Local scenes: paintings and prints by Cynthia Burmeister. FMI: 743-5309 or visit www.Norway.lib.me.us.

6 p.m. on 3rd Thursday monthly - Support Group for Parents of disabled children at Crescent Park School. FMI: call Tabatha Steward at 836-2055.

U.S. Census Bureau testing for spring work (\$14.50/hr., 55 cents/mile: 10:30 a.m. Mondays Crescent Park School and 2 p.m. Dixfield Library; Tuesdays 2 p.m. Upton Town Office (appointment only) and 2 p.m. Andover Town Hall; 10 a.m. Wednesday Roxbury Town Hall and 1 p.m. Rumford Town Hall upstairs auditorium. 6 p.m. in Mexico tba. FMI: (866)-861-2010 or visit www.2010censusjobs.gov for exact dates.

Harvest Gold Gallery, Route 5, Center Lovell, now showing Tree of Life collection by Harvest Gold artist Lynda Rasco-Rudd Earrings - pendants, rings, charms, bracelets. FMI: 925-6502 or

visit www.harvestgoldgallery.com.

Thru Monday, March 1
Bethel Skating Rink (weather permitting, throughout winter) as part of Bethel WinterFest (Jan. 23-31) at Festival Plaza (empty lot across from Casablanca Cinema 4 and near Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce). Washrooms available at Chamber office during business hours.

Thru Monday, April 19
6:15 to 7:45 a.m. and 2:30 to 7 p.m. - Winter into Spring Walk 100 Miles in 100 Days - at Telstar High School sponsored by River Valley Healthy Communities. Walk with a friend or colleague. Pass in record sheets at end of 100 days. FMI, registration materials and more details: call Carol Emery (364-7408) or e-mail rvhcc@gwi.net.

Thursday, Jan. 14
2 p.m. - Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond, guest speaker, Wayne Howe, of Bryant Pond will show slides of rail cars, rail seeders and putt cars. Open to public and light refreshments.

Friday, Jan. 15
1 to 6 p.m. - Blood Drive at Sunday River Southridge, 10 Peaks Lodge.

Saturday, Jan. 16
All Day - Carter's Cross Country Ski Center Oxford County Ski Free Day (all residents of Oxford County ski free with valid ID) in both Oxford and Bethel. Proof of residency required. FMI: 539-4848.

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Bake Sale at Bethel Foodliner by Albany Congregational Church to benefit Scholarship Fund.

1 p.m. - Metropolitan Opera: Live in HD at Laura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, Fryeburg Academy. Tickets: \$25 adults and \$17 students. FMI: 935-9232 or visit www.fryeburgacademy.org.

2:30 and 7:30 p.m. - At Oddfellow Theater, Buckfield: Mentalist Vladimir Zinzchenko displays power of the mind. Tickets: matinee \$11, \$9 seniors, \$4.50 12 and under; evening \$13/\$11/\$6.50. FMI: call 336-3306 (box office).

5 to 6:30 p.m. - Waterford World's Fair Roast Pork Supper at Harrison Calvary Community Church, corner of Winslow Street and Route 117, Harrison. Price: \$7 adults/\$3.50 children.

7 p.m. - Rainforest Reptile Show, a hands-on and educational program presented by Black Diamond Family Entertainment at Grand Summit Hotel, Sunday River. Live animals: alligators, turtles and other species from tropical rainforest of the world. Children 5 and under free, ages 6-12 \$4 advance, \$6 door and adults \$6/\$8.

Saturday, Jan. 16, 23, 30

7 to 10 p.m. - Jones Band playing old-fashioned dance music at South Paris Legion Hall, Church Street. Adults \$5. Lunch counter open.

Saturdays, Jan. 16, Feb. 20

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Heartsaver CPR and First Aid classes at Oxford Public Safety Building, 701 Main Street, Oxford. Attend only one for certificate (daycare providers, foster parents, Maine Guides, forestry and non-healthcare related positions). FMI: call Patty at 671-4460 or e-mail pluked@yahoo.com.

Saturday, Jan. 16, and Tuesday, Feb. 23
6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - Healthcare Provider Re-certification classes at Oxford Public Safety Building, 7701 Main Street, Oxford. FMI: call Patty 671-4460 or e-mail pluked@yahoo.com.

Sunday, Jan. 17
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Snoward Bound Snowmobile Club, East Conway, N.H., eighth annual Winter Picnic at Town & Country in East Conway, weather permitting. Demos to ride on, hot food/drinks, campfire, prize drawings. Well-behaved children invited. If snow conditions questionable call (603) 939-2698.
2 p.m. - Oxford County Democrats meeting at Crescent Park School for computer-based training for candidates and volunteers. To RSVP or FMI: call Cathy Newell at 875-2116.

Mondays Jan. 18 thru Feb. 22
10:15 to 11:15 - T'ai Chi and Qigong to Improve Your Health six week classes at Norway Memorial Library sponsored by Stephg Memorial Hospital's Maine Health Learning Resource Center. Cost: \$55 per person. Instructor: Betsey Foster. Registration preferred. FMI or to register: 1-866-609-5183.

Wednesday, Jan. 20
11 a.m. - Neighborly Senior Citizens meeting at Dixfield Legion with potluck dinner and nickel beano (open to public at 12:30 p.m.). Dues: \$10/year open to 50 or over. Upcoming trips: Jan. 31 Band of the Irish Guards/Royal Regiment of Scotland (call Connie for more info); Disney on Ice March 7; Indian Head Lincoln, N.H., March 15; Lac Megantic in April (call Connie prior to Feb. 1. FMI: call Connie (364-4189 or Carol (364-4798)).
6:30 to 8:45 p.m. - Western Maine Beekeeper's Association registration (6 p.m.) and annual 111-week Beekeeping School at Region 9 School, Mexico. Cost: \$35. FMI: call Carol Cottrill (364-0917 or WMBAmallmsn.com or Nick Kelley (364-4121)).
7 p.m. - Western Maine Harness Horsemen's Assoc. meeting at Haskell House, 17 East Main Street, South Paris. Anyone who has a horse or interested in welfare of the horse industry in Maine welcome to attend.

Thursday, Jan. 21
6 p.m. - Unlocking Autism Support Group meeting at Crescent Park School. FMI: call Tabatha Steward at 836-2055.

7 p.m. - SWOAM (Western Maine Chapter of the Small Woodland Association of Maine) meeting (open to public) at Room 118 Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School, South Paris. Speakers will cover different types of management plans available to land owners and sources to help pay for them. FMI: Merle Ring for further information, contact Merle Ring 674-3787.

Friday, Jan. 22
7 p.m. - FA Film Series "Duplicity" (PG-13) at Laura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, Fryeburg Academy. Open to all (under 14 must be accompanied by adult). Tickets: \$3 adults and \$2 students. FMI: 935-9232 or visit www.fryeburgacademy.org.

Saturday, Jan. 23
9 to 11 a.m. - Rabies and Micro-chipping Clinic at Norway Fire Station by Responsible Pet Care. Cost: \$10 for vaccination and \$24 for micro-chipping. FMI: 743-8678.

SUPPORT SERVICES

ABUSED WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT

AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5086; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

AA MEETINGS

Bethel Freedom Group's Open Discussion Meeting. Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1.

Bethel Freedom Group's Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's 12 Step/Traditions Meeting. Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's Open Discussion Meeting. Fridays at 6pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

ADDICTION HELP

Narconon, a nonprofit public benefit organization that specializes in helping people with drug or alcohol addictions offers FREE assessments and more than 11,000 local referrals through the 800 line. Drug addiction can be overcome and Narconon can help. Call (800) 556-8885 or visit www.drugrehab.net.

CANCER WELLNESS

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30-3:00pm. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Call to confirm during stormy weather.

EXCHANGES

District Exchange Community Thrift Shop accepts donations of in-season clothing in clean, wearable condition only. Drop-off hours and shopping: Monday 1-4pm, Thursday 4-6pm and Saturday, 10am-12pm.

The Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church Community Service Center offers assistance to individuals or families with food needs in the South Woodstock, Bryant Pond, West Paris and Sumner areas are invited to call 674-2566, 674-2663, or 665-2226 to learn more details.

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a transitional living program for youth 18-21, homeless youth outreach and case management services for adults and children. Emergency shelter includes the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and children in crisis, and the Strafford Ave. Family Center in Rumford. To make a referral or request help in the South Paris area, call 744-4031 or call 369-9439 for help in the Rumford area M-F 8a-4p. For more information on Rumford Group Homes, Inc. call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

MENTAL ILLNESS

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5pm; Tuesday 9am-2pm; Wednesday 9am-8pm; Wednesday 8-8pm; Friday-2-7pm; Saturday 11am-4pm. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8am-4pm. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 835-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

POST PARTUM

"Meet the Midwives" meets from 5-6:30 every first Tuesday of the month, and the Post Partum Support Group meets every fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:30-7:30. The meetings take place at Blue Moon Midwives, 176 Main Street, Norway, directly across from Stephen's Memorial Hospital. For more information, call 207-739-2800 or visit www.blumoonmidwives.com

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

VETERANS' SERVICES

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, first Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Career Center in Rumford (364-3718), second Thursday 9-12 noon; Lewiston (795-4590), 29 Westminster St., 7:30am to 4pm, Monday thru Friday, Location: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15pm. Tel. 892-4841.

MOUNTAIN EXPLORER

Winter 09-10
Timetable

Bethel-Newry-
Sunday River

NEW THIS YEAR:
Bethel-Mt. Abram
Saturday Service

Legend

Scheduled Stop
After 5 PM Only
Flag Stop

Bethel to Sunday River

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Sunday River to Bethel

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From Oxford County Democrats

The Oxford County Democrats will meet on Sunday, Jan. 17, at Crescent Park School in Bethel at 2 p.m. for a computer-based training for candidates and volunteers.

Following the training there will be a brief business meeting starting around 3:30 and an opportunity for networking.

The following schedule of times and places for the Jan. 31 Maine Democratic Party Caucuses in Oxford County has been released. The caucus is open to all registered Democrats, with an opportunity provided for 30 minutes

prior to the start time for voter registration and party enrollment by those not enrolled in a party.

In the case of inclement weather, Wednesday, Feb. 3, will be the preferred snow date, although individual towns will have the option to select another date within 10 days of the original date.

There are several regional caucus locations with the towns of Rumford, Mexico, Dixfield, Roxbury, Byron and Peru caucusing at Mt. Valley High School at 1 p.m.; the towns of Bethel, Woodstock, Greenwood, Newry, Milton, Albany, Hanover, Upton, Lincoln and Magalloway Pls. caucusing at 4 p.m. at Telstar High School; the towns of Stow and Sweden caucusing

together at a time and place to be determined; and the towns of Hiram and Porter caucusing at 3 p.m. at the Middle School. Individual caucuses will be held at 3 p.m. in Andover at a location to be determined; Brownfield at 2 p.m. at the Community Center; Buckfield at 3 p.m. at the Municipal Building; Canton at the Municipal Building at 4 p.m.; Fryeburg at the Legion Hall at 1 p.m.; Gilead at the Town Office at 2 p.m.; Hartford at the Town Hall at 1 p.m.; Hebron at the Town Hall at 6 p.m.; Lovell at the Town Office at 3 p.m.; Norway at the Town Office at 1 p.m.; Otisfield at the Town Office at 2 p.m.; Oxford at the Town Office at 2:30 p.m.; Paris at the Town Office at 1 p.m.; Stoneham at the Town Office

at 1 p.m.; Sumner at the Town Office at 2 p.m.; Waterford at the Town Office at 5 p.m.; and West Paris at the Town Office at 3 p.m.

A final list of caucuses will be officially posted the week prior to the Jan. 31 caucus date.

The business of the caucus is the election of State Convention delegates, the election of local and county committee members, and the opportunity to meet and support Democratic candidates for state, legislative and county offices. Further details including names of caucus convenors are posted on the Oxford County Democrats website, www.oxforddems.org and on the Oxford County ME Democrats Facebook page. County

Chair Cathy Newell may be contacted at 875-2116.

From Dixfield Senior Citizens

Neighborly Senior Citizens met on Wednesday, Dec. 16 at the Dixfield Legion with 54 present. President Connie Tuttle was welcomed back. Connie opened the meeting and read several selections followed by flag salute and singing of "God Bless America." She gave a report of trips planned for 2010. Several members paid dues for 2010.

Celebrating December birthdays were Leland Merchant, Ethel Gordon, Bob Gardner

and Raylene Richard. Celebrating December anniversaries were Eleanor and Bucky Durham, 39 years and Faye and Joe Roy, 52 years. Winners of the drawings were Beverly Childs and Helen Chugas.

Entertainment was furnished by Silver and Gold. The next Nickel Beano will be on Wednesday, Jan. 6. Doors will open at noon with Beano being played 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. All are welcome.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, Jan. 20 with meeting starting at 11 a.m. followed by potluck dinner and playing of Nickel Beano, which will be open to public with doors being open at 12:30 p.m. FMI call Connie at 364-4189.

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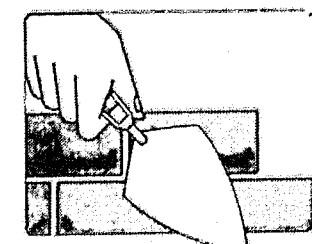
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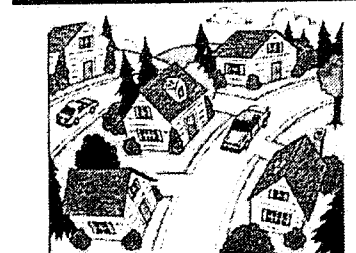
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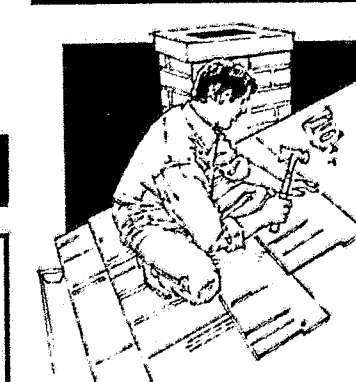
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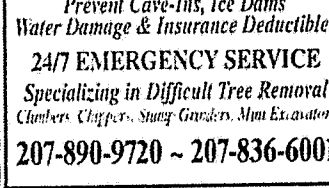
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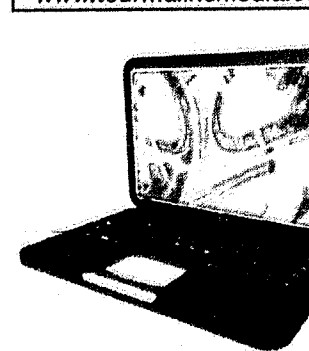
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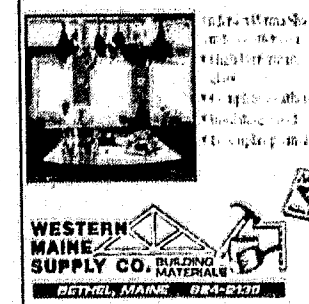
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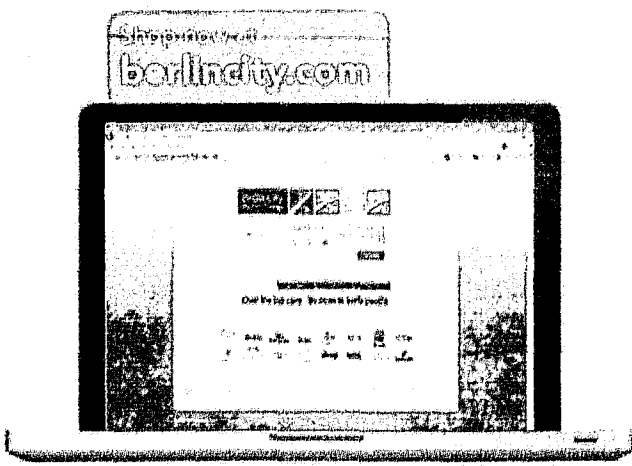
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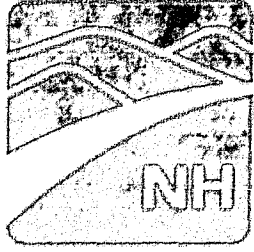
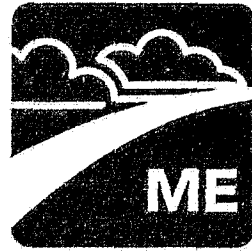
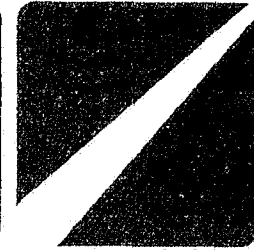
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Recent area real estate transactions

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James W. Powers Inc. to Timothy A. Sutherland of Gerham, land on the Sawyer Notch Rd. \$49,400. Sept. 25, 2009.

Ellis River Properties, LLC to Glen Dyer Sr. and Deborah A. Dyer of Brownfield; land and building. \$105,000. Oct. 1, 2009.

Bank of New England to Janice E. Peaslee of New Gloucester, property at 49 North Main St. \$75,000. Nov. 12, 2009.

BETHEL

Jeffery Stearns to Moguls Real Estate, LLC, of Bethel, land and building at 439 Paradise Road, \$222,000. Nov. 6, 2009.

Savage Land Development, LLC, to Michael and Susette Algozzino of Quogue NY, land, Lot 2 at Hapgood Homestead, \$29,100. Nov. 6, 2009.

Richard and Jennifer Fredricks to Ovant LLC of Bethel, land and building at 150 Mayville Road, \$485,000. Nov. 17, 2009.

Savage Land Development, LLC, to Zeya Krasko and Tanya Barshevsky of Peabody, Mass, land, Lot 3 at Hapgood Homestead, \$45,000. Nov. 20, 2009.

GREENWOOD

Douglas Willett to John Kwoka and Anne Weigel of Portland, land and building at 340 Howe Hill Road, \$115,000. Oct. 9, 2009.

Savage Land Development, LLC to Mark and Tracey Hadwen of Amesbury, Mass, land and building at 14 Howe Hill Road, \$214,000. Oct. 5, 2009.

The Bank of New York Mellon Trust to Andrew and Nancy Dewing of Greenwood, land and building at 159 Alcohol Mary Road, \$92,000. Oct. 15, 2009.

Lucien and Catherine Dionne to Christopher Paul and Marcy Mangion of Attleboro, Mass, unspecified at Mcerrillis Brook Road, \$107,000. Oct. 30, 2009.

Kenneth and Christine Lindsey, land at 17 Wahkisik Lane, \$57,000. Nov. 6, 2009.

Leonard Shaw to Cyclops Properties of Rumford, commercial real estate at 140 Main Street, \$125,000. Nov. 17, 2009.

Lynda Ross to Peter Tommila of Greenwood, land and building at 308 Upton Brothers Road, \$375,000. Nov. 18, 2009.

NEWRY

Michael Diphillippo to Douglas and Lora E. MacFall (trustees) of Little Compton, R.I., lot with buildings at 42 Goose Eye Drive. \$585,500. Sept. 30, 2009.

Savage Land Development to Per and Colette Nygren of Sudbury, Mass., land at 12 Monkey Brook Rd. \$90,000. Nov. 12, 2009.

Jason Forget to Edward R. and Jeanne S. Hayes of Portsmouth, N.H., land and building at 90 Coombs Rd.,

WOODSTOCK

Jeffery and Bertha Heap to Christopher and Jessica Walsh of South Yarmouth, Mass., land off Moody Mountain Road, \$45,000. Oct. 6, 2009.

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Burton Hathaway to Gregory and Lindsey Ann Luetje of Greenwood, land and building at 236 Old County Road, \$170,000. Oct. 10, 2009.

Douglas Turmenne to Myron and March Winslow of Bryant Pond, land and building at 67 Harbor Road, \$145,000. Oct. 14, 2009.

Nancy Morgan to Edward Rice of Mexico, unspecified at 164 Rumford Ave., \$85,000. Oct. 21, 2009.

Lawrence and Pamela Poland to Dallas-Allen Cole of West Paris, land and building at 6 Poland Lane, \$60,200. Oct. 22, 2009.

JoAnn M. Walters to David Alan Clukey and Funhye Choi, land and building, Map 16 — Lot 26, \$123,630. Oct. 23, 2009.

Mark Nardone to David and Robin Hart of Gilmanton, N.H., land, Map 1 — Lot 31, \$24,000. Oct. 30, 2009.

Barbara Haynes French and Malcolm French to Jay Cushman of Boston, land and building on Shagg Pond Road, \$750,000. Oct. 30, 2009.

Estate of David J. Hannon to Neal and Meredith Uminsky of Medway, Mass., unspecified at 1295 Reading Road, \$75,000. Nov. 2, 2009.

Harry Kimball Sr. to Northern New England Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists of Portland, unspecified at 19 Perkins Valley Road, \$60,000. Nov. 3, 2009.

James Powers, Inc. to Sean and Ngoc Lewis, land off Concord Pond Road, \$79,900. Nov. 9, 2009.

Ka Lin and Toshio Hashimoto to Michael and Thea Dunn of Milton Township, land, Parcel 6, Billings Hill Road, \$11,000. Nov. 13, 2009.

About the listings: The information above has been compiled from the latest public records in the individual town offices. The transaction prices are sent to the towns by the Maine Revenue Service and may not arrive for several weeks after the purchase closing date. Condominium and tax-exempt transfers are not included.

New Agent at Dream Realty

Dream Realty is pleased to announce that Charli McGrew of Bethel, Maine has joined the Dream Realty team as a Sales Agent. Charli grew up in Bethel, graduated from Telstar High School, then went on to attend the University of Southern Maine.

Charli's professional experience includes working for the Walt Disney Company in Orlando, Florida, where she honed her corporate skills in resort hospitality. Her family also manages the Riverview Resort in Bethel, where she has worked for many years.

Charli is thrilled to be back home. "The Bethel/Newry area has an amazing sense of community and that's exactly what I love about it! I am looking forward to living and working here!" Charli will be specializing in resort properties and is ready to help you with all your real estates needs. Stop by Dream Realty and say, "Hello!"

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Under a \$300 million federal rebate program that started last month, consumers can trade in their energy-sucking appliances for more efficient models, but there are other ways to save money while making a home more energy efficient.

Most utilities, states and even some local governments offer their own programs to give homeowners a break when they buy new appliances, insulate, or install alternative energy sources like solar or wind power.

The federal government also recently increased its two tax credits to help pay for more efficient heating, cooling and water-heating equipment, as well as wind, solar and geothermal systems and fuel cells.

The programs run the gamut with some states funneling hundreds of million of dollars into certain programs and through utilities, said Justin Barnes, a policy analyst at the Database of State Incentives for Renewables and Efficiency, or DSIRE.

"The tricky part is finding all these programs," Barnes said. The DSIRE lists all available incentives and rebate programs by state on its web site at www.dsireusa.org.

The greening of American homes saves consumers money, protects the environment and helps stimulate the broader economy. By adding more insulation to the attic and walls, for example, homeowners can cut their heating consumption up to half. And whether homeowners tackle projects themselves or hire professionals, that spending helps retailers, manufacturers and ripples through other industries.

Of course, homeowners may still have to shell out thousands of dollars to make energy efficient improvements, and that might be a tough decision in lean times.

"They care about putting food on the table, paying the mortgage and college tuition," said Steven Nadal, executive director at the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, or ACEEE. "This is not a top priority in a lot of households."

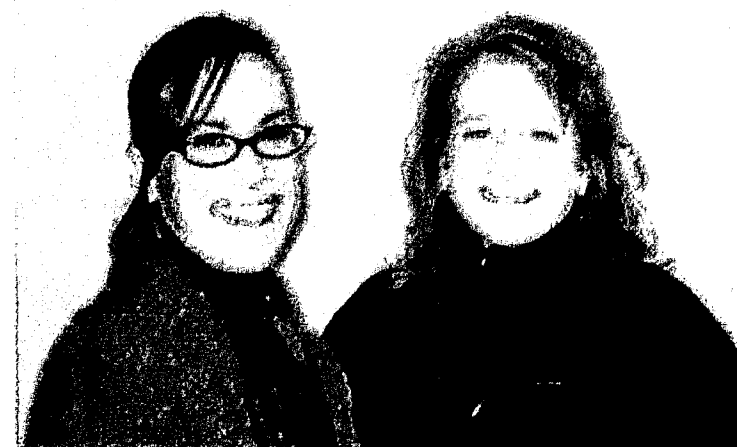
Utilities have long been the big funders of energy efficient programs, pouring about \$3 billion a year into them, according to the ACEEE.

But some states have also been leaders. Seventeen states offer rebates on energy-efficient products, 16 of them give personal tax credits for energy-efficient home improvements and eight exempt sales tax on certain environmentally friendly products like dishwashers, ceiling fans and programmable thermostats, according to DSIRE.

Cities and counties are also playing key roles. In Maryland, for example, both Howard and Prince George's counties offer a property tax credit on solar panels and geothermal heating systems. That's on top of a geothermal and solar energy grant program the state offers.

These programs are all part of a larger public push to protect the environment, from Copenhagen to Cincinnati (which offers tax abatements for green homes). The revolution is happening one Energy Star appliance at a time.

Two new agents join Mahoosuc Realty



Mahoosuc Realty is pleased to announce that Joyce Pereira of Bethel and Rachel Duclos of Andover have recently joined the Mahoosuc Realty sales team.

Joyce came to the Bethel area 16 years ago as a restaurant manager and ski instructor. During her years here, both in the hospitality and the ski industry, Joyce has met many people and has made lifelong friends. Joyce is a new addition to the Mahoosuc Realty team and brings with her a knowledge of the area, its people and the landscapes that make Bethel and the Mahoosuc Mountains such a magical place to live and play.

Rachel relocated to East Andover with her husband and two children from Rhode Island, four years ago. One goal of priority was to establish a family business, which she and her husband have successfully accomplished - Northern Home Care: Professional property maintenance for the Sunday River area. N.H.C. is the service provider for Mahoosuc Rentals. Rachel previously taught pre-school in Little Compton, Rhode Island and was the office manager for Pella Windows, Inc. in Fall River, Massachusetts.

"We're happy to have Joyce and Rachel join us," said owner Cindy Hiebert, "both have backgrounds that will help them succeed in a career in real estate."

Mahoosuc Realty has been consistently recognized as a sales leader in the Bethel and Sunday River area for over 10 years and specializes in both vacation homes and primary residences.

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Woodstock Residents

Nomination papers are now available at the Woodstock Town Office for any Woodstock Resident interested in running for the office of Selectmen, Assessor & Overseer of the Poor or the office of MSAD #44 School Board Director.

Not less than 25, nor more than 100, signatures of registered Woodstock voters are required to file nomination papers at the Town Clerk's Office. Completed nomination papers are due at the Town Office on February 11, 2010, which is the required 45 days before the annual town meeting.

This procedure was adopted by the voters at the 2009 Woodstock Annual Town Meeting, to become effective with the March 29, 2010 Woodstock Annual Town Meeting.

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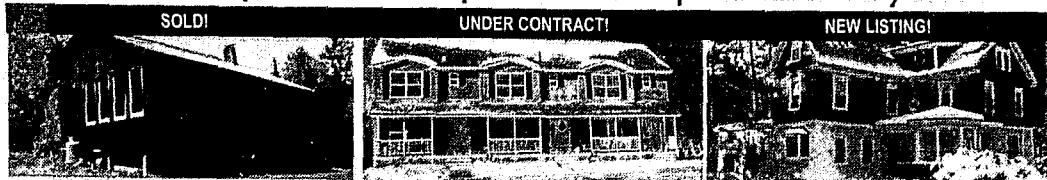
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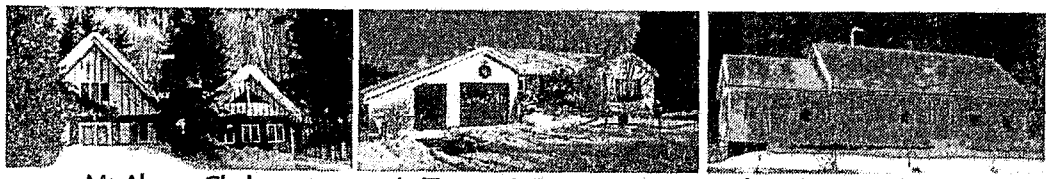
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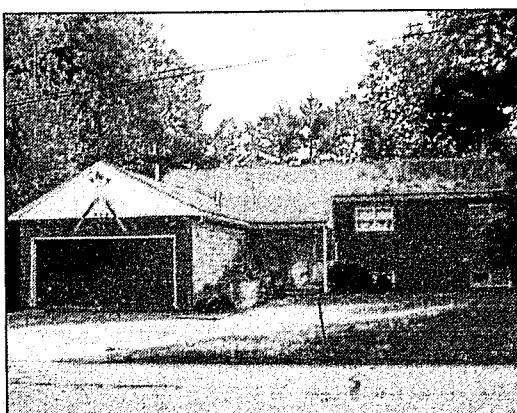
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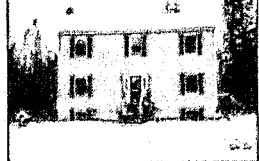
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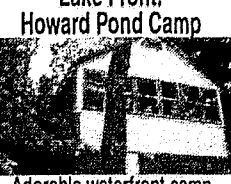
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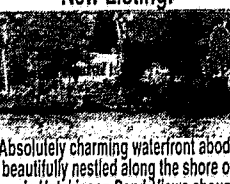
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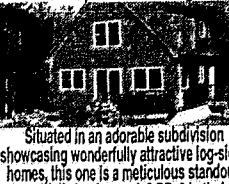
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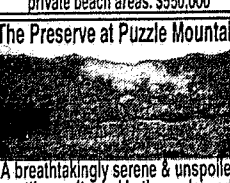
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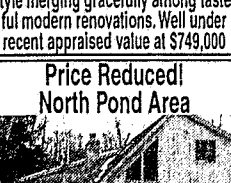
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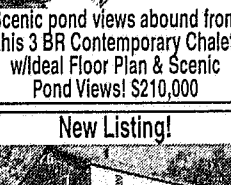
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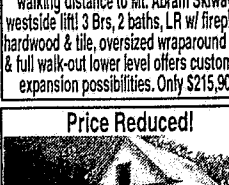
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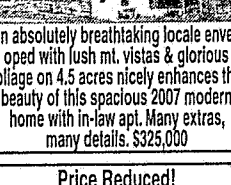
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Jerry K's Korner on the Market! (An 8-legged perspective on Real Estate & Life)

So Ben, isn't it a great time of year, what with so much snow and unsurpassed winter sports? Absolutely, Jerry, and our vacation home owners are so fortunate to have reliable town maintenance coupled with the opportunity to contract reputable property management services. This allows one to drive up to pristinely plowed driveways and shoveled out walkways leading to welcoming, warm interiors.

Well put, Ben! Now, how about you and I starting a property management company? I'm pretty sure as small business canine owners we're a shoe-in for minority status federal loan assistance.

Interesting concept, Jerry, but for now let's just enjoy frolicking in our vast Western Maine Winter Wonderland!

The opinions herein expressed are those of Ben & Jerry



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NEW PRICE



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NEW PRICE



Unit 3, Riverbend Condos, Bethel:
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511 North Road, Bethel:
This updated 4BR, 2.5 bath home is in a beautiful setting of Sunday River. A double-sided fireplace will be a unique feature in this 4BR, 2.5 bath home with abundant glass & living spaces. Spacious 2-car garage offers more opportunity. Represented by \$99,000

Lot 37, The Peaks:
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Millbrook Townhomes, 602-603:
A quality designed townhome in the heart of the village at the Bethel Inn. Features a granite countertop, kitchenette, fireplace and a full bathroom. It's currently out of a contract. Represented by \$359,000

33 Billings Hill Road, Woodstock:
2 BR, 3 bath home situated in a scenic setting along Billings Hill Brook. Much to be seen in the views including a waterfall. Unlimited possibilities! This property also has a large garage & detached 2-car garage. \$375,000

99 Dundee Rd, Albany Twp:
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Lot 3 Otter Brook, Bethel:
To Be Built, 3 BR, 2 bath home in the heart of the village at the Bethel Inn. Features a granite countertop, kitchenette, fireplace and a full bathroom. It's currently out of a contract. Represented by \$229,000

Land

NEW PRICE Lot 7, Hide-a-Way Lane, Bethel: 19-acre lot in the Hide-a-Way Hills subdivision, only minutes from Bethel Village has gorgeous mountain views. A septic system has been recently installed on the lot. \$55,900

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Lot 9A Rowe Hill Rd, Greenwood: A wonderful, wooded 2-acre building lot on a quiet road just two miles from Lake Umbagog. Minutes from Mt. Abram and a short drive from Sunday River. \$34,900

99 Douglass Rd, Powder Ridge: This extremely private lot is nestled into the pines with a babbling brook crossing the edge of the property line. Some of the best views of Sunday River's slopes. \$99,000

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Obituaries



JANE SULLIVAN

Jane Sullivan, 89, died Jan. 7, 2010 at Hawthorne House with her loving family by her side.

She was born in Bethel, a daughter of Milan and Winona (Scribner) Chapin. Jane was educated in Bethel schools and was a graduate of the Central Maine Medical Center School of Nursing.

She was a first lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps, serving in the Asiatic/Pacific Theater.

In 1948, Jane married Richard Sullivan.

A dedicated nurse, she worked at Maine Medical Center for 18 years, retiring in 1984.

Jane also enjoyed gardening, cooking and baking, particularly apple pie, all music, piano playing, Scrabble, crossword puzzles, and spending time with her family.

Survivors include two daughters, Janice Sullivan of Portland, and Claire Finley and her husband William of Portland; daughter-in-law, Mary Sullivan of South Portland; two sons, Dan Sullivan and his wife Sue of South Portland, and Philip Sullivan and his wife Helen of Jacksonville, Fla.; five grandchildren, Monica and Will Finley, John and Peter Sullivan, and Sean James; and two great-grandsons, Liam and Ryan James.

Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her beloved husband, Richard, in 1965; a son Richard, Jr. in 2006; two sisters; and three brothers.

Memorial visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 14, at the Conroy-Tully Crawford South Portland Chapel, 1024 Broadway, South Portland. A private graveside service will be held at Calvary Cemetery, 1461 Broadway, South Portland. Online condolences

may be expressed to the family at www.ctcrawford.com.

Because of the loving care received by Jane from the staff at Hawthorne House, the family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations in Jane's name be made to the Hawthorne Staff Fund, 6 Old County Road, Freeport, Maine 04032.



JAMES B. HINES

James Bradley "Hinsey" Hines, 77, husband of Alyce Vallee Hines of 16 Holyoke Avenue, Rumford, went to Heaven on Friday, Jan. 8, 2010, after spending the day with his loving family, at the Togus VA Hospital, ending a courageous battle with Alzheimer's and lung cancer.

He was born Aug. 12, 1932 in East Andover, Maine in a lumber camp off of Farmer's Hill Road to James G. and Minnie White Hines. He was educated in a one-room schoolhouse and went to work at the young age to help his family. He excelled in hunting and fishing and knew the woods like the back of his hand.

He served valiantly for a year and a half on the front line in the Korean War in the US Army, 9th Infantry Division, enduring many hardships. Shortly thereafter he met his soul mate, Alyce Vallee, and she never left his side for 56 years. They raised two sons and fulfilled all of their dreams together. He retired from the Rumford Fire Department after 20 years of service and also served as a spare police officer for the Rumford Police Department, as well as doing carpentry with his great friend and co-worker, Eugene Boivin. He enjoyed attending his children and grandchildren's sporting events, fixing furniture, playing cards, reading Western novels, riding his motorcycle, tinkering with Gordon at P & S Auto, and camping at Littlefield Beach. His warm humor, big heart, and incredible energy will be forever missed.

ever missed.

He is survived by his loving wife, Alyce, of Rumford; proud sons, Steven of Rumford, Thomas and special daughter-in-law Jessica Hines of Peru; grandsons Thomas "Ty" Jr. of Pa., Joshua and Benjamin Hines of Peru; brother, Robert Hines of Norton, Mass.; surrogate granddaughter Melissa "Meme" Merrill and her son Ian of West Paris; five sister-in-laws and a brother-in-law and their families; great family friend, Viola Hodgkins, a million friends and cousins, and his dog Babe. He was predeceased by his parents; his daughter, Lisa Marie; and two infant siblings.

His family would like to thank the great staff at Togus for taking such good care of him, and two very special caregivers, Sue and Tammy. Dad, Papa, we love you.

Funeral services were held Monday, Jan. 11, 2010 at the Meader & Son Funeral Home, Rumford, with the Rev. Lawrence Shaw officiating. Interment in the spring with Military Honors will be 11 a.m. Friday, May 21, 2010 at the Woodlawn Cemetery, Andover, Maine. Online signing of register book, condolences and memories may be shared at www.meaderandson.com.



JOSHUA R. WHEELER

Joshua Robin Wheeler, 81, of Dixfield, died Jan. 10, 2010 in Rumford.

He was born July 26, 1977 in Rumford, the son of Robin Towle (deceased) and Mitzi Scott of Peru and was educated in the Rumford area schools graduating from Rumford High School Class of 1995.

Joshua had worked hard since school in construction as a carpenter and had worked in carpentry at Sunday River for several years. He enjoyed the outdoors, loved hunting and fishing and spending time with his loved ones. He was

a great individual with a big heart and he adored his three children.

Joshua is survived by his mother, Mitzi L. Wheeler Scott and his stepfather Robert Scott of Peru; his fiancée, Angela Woods of Dixfield; one son, Eric Wheeler of Dixfield; two daughters, Morgan Wheeler of Dixfield and Mackenzie Polton of Rumford; three sisters, Melissa Buckner of Rumford, Megan Stone of Dixfield and Tanya Scott of Mexico; five brothers, Brian Hutchinson of Rumford, Seth Hutchinson of Appomattox, Va., Gary Scott and Tony Scott both of Rumford and Scott Hart of Albany; and many nieces and nephews who loved him dearly. Joshua loved all his family, but along with his parents and siblings he was very close to his aunts, Angel McLean of Bethel, Shannon Friel of New Hampshire and Roxie McLeod of Albany, and very close to cousins Ryan Wheeler and Kevin Bean of Bethel. He was predeceased by his father, Robin Towle.

Visiting hours will be held at the Greenleaf Funeral Home, 37 Vernon Street, Bethel on Friday evening 6 to 8 p.m. Memorial funeral services will be held at the First Light Church, Route 108, Dixfield on Saturday, Jan. 16, 2010 at 1 p.m. with the Rev. Phil Tarr officiating. Burial will be in the spring at the Songo Pond cemetery. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.AndrewsGreenleaf.com.

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Safety on the ice

Going out on the ice? Think twice! Know the ice conditions and be prepared if the worst should happen and you or a companion fall through the ice.

Go safely! If you are headed out to go skating, ice fishing, or snowmobiling, check first to be sure the ice is safe. As of late December, the Maine Warden Service has been urging people not to venture out onto any ice on Maine waterways. The state's lakes and ponds may appear to be frozen over, but safe ice conditions cannot be assumed.

So before you go out check the ice thickness. Although many factors can cause ice to be unsafe, there are some guidelines for the recommended thickness of new, clear, solid ice: 4 inches of new, clear ice is the minimum thickness for travel on foot; 5 inches is the minimum for snowmobiles and ATVs; and 8 to 12 inches is recommended for cars or small trucks.

You can test the thickness using an ice chisel, ice auger or even a cordless 1/4 inch drill with a long bit. You can also ask the locals — at a gas station or bait shop — about known thin-ice areas. Also, don't drive on ice unless you have to. If you must drive a vehicle, be prepared to leave it in a hurry, keep windows down, unbuckle your seat belt and discuss a simple emergency plan of action with your passengers.

What if a companion falls through thin ice? Keep calm and think out a solution. Don't run up to the hole. You'll probably break through and then there will be two victims. Use an item on shore to throw or extend to the victim to pull them out of the water such as jumper cables or skis, or push a boat ahead of you. If you can't rescue the victim immediately, call 911. Get medical assistance for the victim after a rescue. People who are subjected to cold water immersion but seem fine after being rescued can suffer a potentially fatal condition called "after drop" which occurs when cold blood that is pooled in the body's extremities starts to circulate again as the victim starts to re-warm.

What if you fall in? Try not to panic. Remain calm and turn toward the direction you came from. Place your hands and arms on the unbroken surface of the ice. Work forward on the ice by kicking your feet. If the ice breaks, maintain your position and slide forward again. Once you are lying on the ice, don't stand. Instead, roll away from the hole. That will spread out your weight until you are on solid ice. This sounds much easier to do than it really is.

The best advice is don't put yourself in needless danger by venturing out too soon or too late in the season. Each year at least a few vehicles go through the ice on Maine's lakes and ponds. Remember, those same lakes and ponds can easily become contaminated by submerged engines that release gasoline, battery acid and motor oil. So protect yourself and Maine's waters by thinking twice before venturing on the ice.

Our thanks to the Minnesota Dept. of Natural Resources for the following link: www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/ice/index.html.

Thank You

The family of Frank L. Campbell would like to express sincere thanks to Dr. Benton, Dr. Seaborge, Androscoggin Home Health and Hospice of Maine for the special care given. Thanks to all the family and friends for their condolences and help during our time of need.

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